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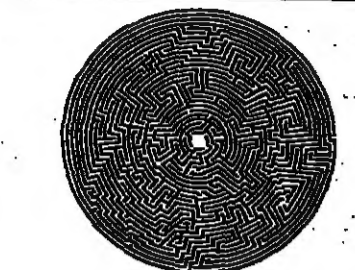
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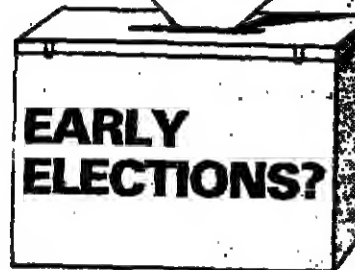


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FBI men seeking Israeli

By YORAM GAZIT
TEL AVIV. — FBI agents are searching in the U.S. and Israel for an Israeli who disappeared in the U.S. last February while assisting an investigation into a multi-million dollar bond fraud.
Yisrael Greenwald, originally from Bnei Brak and married to a U.S. citizen, allegedly belongs to a New York Hells Angels gang that specializes in the sale of fraudulent bond certificates — both Israeli Bonds and others.
Greenwald has been missing since February, when his car was discovered at New York's Kennedy Airport. He had reportedly been cooperating with the FBI before his disappearance.
According to well-informed sources, a highly-placed member of the Tel Aviv religious establishment is cooperating with the FBI in its search. Greenwald's father has approached private detectives to find his son.
A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv denied yesterday that FBI agents operate in Israel as a matter of course. However, he was unable to say whether FBI men were searching for Greenwald in Tel Aviv.

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Nurses strike battle turns nasty

'Patients are dying,' doctors charge

By MENACHEM SHALEV
For The Jerusalem Post

Doctors and Health Ministry officials yesterday stated that patients are losing their lives as a direct result of the nurses' strike.

"We declare unequivocally that patients are indeed dying as a result of the strike," said the central committee of the Israel Medical Association, which represents all the country's doctors.

At a meeting of the committee in Tel Aviv,

doctors from hospitals around the country told about patients who had died during the strike. But doctors contacted last night refused to disclose specific cases.

Dr. Moshe Mashiah, director of hospital services at the Health Ministry, also told *The Jerusalem Post* that he "has no doubt" that the nurses' strike has caused patients' deaths.

"Although it will take weeks before the data are compiled, and although I cannot point to a specific case, I am sure that a connection will eventually be found between

the strike and so called 'irregular' deaths," Mashiah said.

Since specific cases were not cited, the latest statements may be part of a campaign to undermine the nurses' resolve to persevere in their strike, and to alienate public support.

This was the response adopted by the nurses.

Dalia Ohana, a member of the nurses' action committee, called the charges "ridiculous," saying they were a part of the "psycho-

logical scare tactics" being used against the nurses.

She said that nurses were posted at all critical points in hospitals, and that in any case it was too early to establish any link between the strike and patients' deaths.

Nurses said yesterday that patients had been in grave danger for years because of the shortage of nurses in the hospitals. Rachel Shalk, head nurse of the maternity ward at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, said on television's *Erev Hadash* that "scores" of

patients had died during the past five years as a result of the shortage of nurses.

She recounted the case of a nurse who had been in charge of three post-operative patients in a recovery ward when "there should have been a nurse for each patient." The nurse had had to decide which patients would get her attention. She chose not to watch over a girl who had been involved in a traffic accident and was connected to a respirator. The girl died during the night. "We've known about these cases for years," she said.

Doctors won't do nurses' jobs

By MENACHEM SHALEV
For The Jerusalem Post

Doctors will no longer carry the burden of the nurses' strike. As of today, patients will suffer further as doctors stop tending to all "nursing tasks," including administering non-critical medication, feeding, and cleaning.

The central committee of the Israel Medical Association instructed the country's doctors yesterday to perform only "medical tasks." Declaring that doctors "had reached the limit of endurance," the association pledged to back any doctor who commits a medical error as a result of fatigue and stress suffered since the nurses' strike began.

In a sharply worded statement, the doctors blamed the deteriorating situation on those who "have caused the sustained disintegration of the health system." The consequences of their actions and of the nurses' strike will be the responsibility of those who "have caused the health services to go bankrupt," the doctors said.

The crisis in health care services continues unabated, as the nurses' strike enters its 12th day.

MDA stations and services were totally shut down for four hours yesterday. Ambulance workers began their sanctions and hunger strike on Sunday.

Hospital administrative and clerical staff announced yesterday that they too would abandon the hospitals on Sunday for 24 hours.

The nurses action committee publicly attacked Health Minister Mordechai Gur for the first time yesterday. They issued a statement saying that "if the minister cannot handle the responsibility of caring for the health system, he should vacate his seat and let someone else try."

Nurses union leaders told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Gur had consistently backtracked on his public statements concerning the strike. They cited statements by the minister which support them but said: "He apparently does not carry much clout and constantly bows to the Treasury."

In an earlier meeting between Gur and the nurses, the Health Minister warned against a "Lech Walesa syndrome," telling the nurses that the continuing strike was eroding support for their cause and that they needed "leaders who know when the time has come to stop."

The Laniado Hospital in Netanya, which is run by Hassidim, is not striking. Though they are not publicizing the fact for fear of being accused of breaking the strike, a spokesman for the hospital confirmed — in response to a query by *The Post* — that the hospital was functioning normally. He said that expectant mothers from around the

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A Shaare Zedek Hospital medical team treats a man who had a heart attack yesterday afternoon during the total Magen David Adom shutdown. The hospital provided an alternative ambulance service by using a converted police van. (Yitzhak Elbarar)

Bruno moves to suspend Recanat

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno yesterday moved to obtain the government's approval to suspend Bank Discount Chairman Raphael Recanat, thus effectively ignoring the opinion of Attorney-General Yosef Harish that there was no strong legal basis for the move.

Harish's opinion gave Bruno an opening through which the Bank of Israel governor could go ahead and pursue his case against Recanat, even though the attorney-general had essentially concluded Bruno did not have the authority to do so (see story on page 17).

Bruno yesterday asked Finance Minister Moshe Nissim to place the issue of Recanat's suspension on the agenda of this Sunday's cabinet meeting, thereby forcing the government to take up the prickly issue of the implementation of the Bejski Commission recommendation. The cabinet has so far steered clear of tackling the recommendations of the commission, which was formed to investigate the manipulation of bank shares in the months up to October 1983.

The formal procedure requires the minister to place the item on the cabinet agenda, but Bruno is expected to attend the meeting in person to explain his case. As of last night, it was still unclear whether the issue would be put on the agenda for this Sunday or for a later meeting. Bruno has now completed all the preliminary stages required by Section 8(d) of the Banking Ordinance,

which the Bejski Commission ordered him to use to obtain Recanat's removal. The law empowers the central bank governor to suspend a bank head for up to three months and appoint a temporary administrator in his place.

In addition, a meeting of the Bank of Israel's Licensing Committee called by Bruno yesterday, voted unanimously in favour of supporting the governor's plans to move against Recanat. One member of the committee — Haim Berman, a partner in the Somekh Chaikin accounting firm — excused himself from the discussion as his firm counts Bank Leumi among its clients and was severely criticized by the Bejski Commission.

The other members of the panel are Yitzhak Waiman, managing director of Arzor Blade Manufacturing Co. and chairman of the committee; David Golomb, a senior executive with Koor Industries Ltd.; Meir Heth, chairman of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and former Tel Aviv Stock Exchange chairman; and Dov Ben-Dror, who serves as a director on a number of the company boards.

The request to Nissim and the Licensing Committee vote complete the preliminary moves needed to take action against Recanat that had begun last week when Bruno summoned Discount's chairman and the entire Discount board to his Jerusalem office in an effort to persuade them to accept the Bejski report's recommendations. The commission

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Gulf opens between Shamir, GSS chief

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

A wide gulf of distrust — probably unbridgeable — has opened between Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir and General Security Services (Shin Bet) chief Avraham Shalom. Shalom is described by sources close to him as being extremely angry with the Shin Bet chief.

According to the sources there are "two contradictory versions" of Shamir's role in the Shin Bet affair. The sources singled out Shalom's "legal advisers" — meaning lawyer Ram Caspi, and possibly also lawyer Ya'acov Ne'eman — as the persons responsible for the version put about by the Shin Bet chief.

Shalom, in his request last week for a presidential pardon, said that he had acted in the affair "with authority and permission," a barely-veiled reference to his ministerial superior, then-prime minister Shamir.

The sources close to Shamir attributed inclusion of the phrase in the request to the advice of Shalom's "legal advisers."

These sources regarded Shalom's statement as untrue, and asserted firmly that Shamir "first learned of the killings and the cover-up from (Prime Minister) Peres in October 1985, soon after Peres learned of them from then-deputy chief of the Shin Bet, Reuven Hazak." They added that Shamir never met Hazak but did hold a meeting with Shalom shortly afterwards.

"Until now," one of the sources said, "Shamir has had full trust, an incomparably trusting relationship, with Shalom. That is why he never questioned anything Shalom told him. He believed in him. Now that relation is gone; now there is distrust."

Sofaer here for Taba talks

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Judge Abraham Sofaer, the State Department's legal adviser, held a full day of talks on the Taba border dispute in Jerusalem yesterday amid contradictory reports about the prospects of progress.

Foreign Ministry sources said, after Sofaer met with the directors-general delegation (comprising David Kinche of the Foreign Ministry, Avraham Tamir of the Prime Minister's Office and Uri Talmor of the Defence Ministry), and with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, that Sofaer had brought "nothing substantial from Cairo."

But American sources informally said that Sofaer had "all but wrapped up the agreement" on the compromise, that preliminary plans for a meeting in a fortnight's time between Prime Minister Peres and Egyptian President Mubarak are in the works, and that U.S. Vice President George Bush is expected to participate in the summit.

The sources said that, like Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Shamir "will accept anything decided upon or ruled by the High Court of Justice in the affair." The sources said that this would also apply if the court ordered the police to launch an investigation of the affair or if the justices recommended that the government set up a judicial commission of inquiry. "He will accept any decision they reach," one of the sources said.

Meanwhile, it is generally accepted in the Likud, and by most ministers in Labour, that both parties should now wait for the High Court's decision rather than try to initiate a solution of their own.

The court has ordered the state to show cause within 14 days why the police should not investigate. After

receiving the state's response, the court is expected to deliver a ruling, which will probably serve as the guideline for the future stand of both the Likud and Labour on the affair.

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SARAH HONIG adds

The Herut secretariat yesterday charged the Labour Party with seeking to frame Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir and expressed solidarity with him and confidence in his innocence of any wrongdoing in the Shin Bet affair.

Shamir's claim that he had no inkling of a cover-up until some eight months ago was the main topic of conversation at Herut headquarters (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Peres backs down to party on probe

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Peres yesterday failed to prevent a debate on the General Security Service (Shin Bet) affair in the Labour Party's political bureau. A senior Labour MK described Peres's defeat in the bureau vote as a "significant loss of stature."

Only 17 bureau members supported Peres's demand that the bureau refrain from debating the issue until after the conclusion of the proceedings in the High Court. Ministers Moshe Shahal, Gad Ya'acobi and Yitzhak Navon were among the 23 who voted against the prime minister's position.

No decisions were adopted at the

close of the stormy three-hour bureau meeting, one hour of which was devoted to discussing whether the issue should be debated at all. However, sentiment among the speakers was strongly in favour of the establishment of a commission of inquiry into all aspects of the Shin Bet.

The vote to hold a debate necessitated the cancellation of a meeting of Labour ministers (*sarens*) which Peres had scheduled for yesterday afternoon. Sources said that the prime minister would demand that all the ministers toe his line when the forum meets on Saturday night.

Peres opposes raising the issue during Sunday's cabinet meeting. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

New York stockbroker cited as Pollard link

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Steve Stern, a New York stockbroker, has been reportedly identified as the previously unnamed associate who introduced Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard to Israeli Air Force Col. Aviam Sella, Israeli and American-Jewish sources confirmed last night.

Stern, who could not be reached for comment, was said to have met

Sella after the Israeli officer, then a graduate student at New York University, had delivered a speech for Israel Bonds at a Manhattan synagogue.

Court documents served at the time of Pollard's indictment said that the identity of the then unnamed associate had been presented to the U.S. Grand Jury investigating the case. Stern, however, has not been charged with any criminal act.

Israeli envoy to return to Vienna after ceremony

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's ambassador to Austria, Michael Elizur, is to return to Vienna "a few days" after President-elect Kurt Waldheim's inauguration next Tuesday.

Elizur was called home last month "for consultations" in protest against the election of Waldheim, whose Nazi past has recently come to light.

At the time, Israel said its ambas-

sador would not attend the inauguration ceremony, and intimated that Elizur would be recalled and a chargé d'affaires be left in Vienna to represent Israel's interests.

Elizur, it is understood, is to remain in Vienna "for several months." But no decision has yet been taken in Jerusalem about whether a chargé d'affaires or an ambassador will succeed him.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

The Shin Bet case

Herut gains by Levy's silence, but Shamir's switch seen a mistake

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy has not made any statement on any burning issue recently and may seem to have dropped out of the public eye. Levy may well be discovering that silence is golden.

He certainly has opinions — particularly on issues of the day such as the GSS affair — his supporters are quick to point out. He simply isn't voicing them, and for good reason. "Any position Levy takes now will be wrongly interpreted, attributed to incorrect motives," the supporters note. Levy, according to his supporters, is Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir's strongest rival and knows better than to sound off against his rival at a time like this.

Levy's supporters note that the death of Levy's father — to whom he was very attached — was another reason for the minister's absence from the public eye.

But now that he is coming out of mourning, Levy has another twist in the GSS affair to consider before making a comment.

Levy's opinions on the GSS affair have been revealed to virtually no one except Shamir. But it is generally agreed in the deputy premier's camp that he is opposed to an inquiry on the grounds of state security, and that he originally understood Shamir was backing the GSS.

Since Shamir's abrupt about-face, however, and his claim that the GSS had conspired against him, Levy's camp cannot understand why Shamir is not pressing for an inquiry commission to clear his name.

Everyone in Herut agrees that the Labour Party demand for an inquiry commission is politically motivated. Herut members feel that the public is strongly opposed to any kind of inquiry into the country's security services and should Labour break the rotation agreement and bring

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Michal Yudelman

about general elections, it would lose on both accounts.

It is generally agreed among Levy's supporters that the GSS affair may ironically turn out to be to the advantage of Herut and, in particular, of Levy. Levy's silence is helping to create the impression of unity at a time when the party most needs it.

Although Herut has real problems in recovering its convention and deciding on its leadership, the GSS affair is actually strengthening unity, say Levy's supporters.

At any rate, many in Herut consider Shamir's about-face a fatal mistake which may doom him politically. They point out that an inquiry commission, should the High Court order one, may believe the GSS head rather than Shamir. Others say Shamir made another mistake in not getting a pardon for all those involved in the affair — mainly other GSS people — who may now be questioned. "The ideal development would be to have Shamir retire after being declared innocent," the sources said.

Another issue raised by Herut members concerns Minister Moshe Arens who was defence minister when bus No. 300 to Ashelon was hijacked in 1984.

"Arens was there and standing next to the chief of general staff when the order was given. The GSS must have reported to him. If things should have been covered up, why did Arens expose them to the Zorea committee?" Herut sources asked.

Crewmen control blaze on Zim ship off Sicily

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — An engine room blaze ravaged the Zim container ship M.S. Sigal off Sicily yesterday, but none of the 32 men, women and children on board was hurt in the day-long fire.

The cargo in over 500 containers was also reportedly undamaged. The fire, apparently caused by a burst fuel line in the engine, broke out shortly before 7 a.m. as the 9,500 ton ship, on her way from Haifa to Felixstowe, England, was about 80 miles east of Sicily in good weather and a calm sea.

By 7 p.m. the crew had informed Zim that they had put the fire out but were standing by to prevent a new blaze.

A rescue tug from Sicily took the ship in tow after the fire was put out. The ship's radio officer managed

to transmit an SOS yesterday morning before his cabin and an emergency radio went up in flames.

A Dutch freighter, the Ami Kosins, was in the vicinity and steamed to the burning ship. Four wives and five children of crew members were transferred to the Kosins, which continued to stand by.

Later, as the fire destroyed the crew quarters and the bridge, nine of the 23 crew members were also taken aboard the Kosins. The rest stayed to control the fire, assisted by pumps and equipment from an Italian naval ship and the Kosins.

The ravaged ship is to be towed to a nearby harbour, where the cargo is to be unloaded for delivery by other Zim ships, and where repairs may be carried out. The Sigal was built in the Israel Shipyards in Haifa in 1977. She can carry 560 containers.

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the sources said. He told the bureau that "chaos" would ensue if he were to inform the cabinet that he supported the establishment of a commission of inquiry.

The bureau meeting was marked by a sharp clash between Peres and former justice minister Haim Zadok, who publicly described the decision to pardon the head of the Shin Bet as a "black day" for the Israeli legal system. Peres interrupted Zadok's speech repeatedly, taking particular exception to Zadok's contention that the pardon had been the result of a "deal" struck between the president, the head of the Shin Bet and several cabinet ministers.

Zadok argued that the pardon was the only issue pending before the High Court. The question of whether to establish a commission of inquiry demanded a political decision and was a legitimate subject for debate by the bureau, he said.

The party secretariat meeting was not attended by any of Herut's ministers except Moshe Arens, who was present for only part of the proceedings. The secretariat is Herut's top executive forum and has continued its regular fortnightly sessions despite the discord in the party since its aborted convention in March.

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ARRIVALS

Mordechai Ben David, for the commemorative ceremony of the Rudolph and Edith Tessler School of Nursing, Sanz Medical Centre, Netanya, and from the British Committee of Friends of Landau Hospital, Mr. B. Rokach, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rokach, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ost, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schussheim; from the Italian Committee, Mr. S. Netzer; from the Dutch Committee, Mrs. C. Elshag; from the Belgian Committee, Mrs. R. Reich; Mr. and Mrs. C. Felsen.

GULF

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in Metzudat Ze'ev yesterday. The consensus was that an exchange of recriminations between Shamir and outgoing Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom was now likely.

Shalom says he had authority and permission for his actions, while Shamir says that he first heard of a cover-up when Shalom's deputy Reuven Hazak, complained to Prime Minister Peres.

There was gratification in the party that "something is finally being heard from Shamir to give the lie to Labour's libel." Shamir's previous silence, it was said, "hurt his and the Likud's cause, by leaving the stage to the other side."

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Meeting of 3 faiths

Some 200 Jews, Christians and Moslems from around the world are to gather in Spain next week for discussions of their common past and possible future together. The participants will include some 30 Israelis representing the three faiths.

The meeting of the International Colloquium of Christians and Jews is to take place in Madrid, Toledo and Salamanca.

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Your colleagues at Israel Bonds

Petty criminal's curiosity foiled the scheme

Syria plotted bombing of El Al plane in Madrid

By JERRY LEWIS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Syria's Air Force intelligence service was behind the unsuccessful attempt to plant a bomb on an El Al airliner at Madrid Airport last week, according to sources here.

The intelligence service's chief, General Mohammed el-Ali is believed to have had prior knowledge of the attempt. The current spate of terrorist activity, the sources say, was ordered by Syrian President Hafez Assad, who is still seeking revenge for Israel's interception of a small Syrian jet carrying senior Syrian officials home from a secret conference in Libya.

The London sources have indicated that Syrian officers may have been working with Italian and French terrorists as well as with two Palestinians, Abu Ibrahim who heads the May 15th Organization and Abu Nidal, a PLO renegade.

Evidence of Arab-European links was reinforced with the arrest of Nasser Hassan el-Ali and a Spanish petty criminal in Madrid last week shortly after the airport incident.

El-Ali is said to be a member of the May 15th Organization and is believed to have previously worked for Syrian Air Force intelligence. The

sources claim he was briefed in Damascus and was provided with a Syrian passport.

He was then sent to Athens where he was to have been given further instructions about planting a bomb on an airliner before moving onto Paris. In the French capital, he was due to join a Paris-based terror team.

In Athens, he met three other members of the team and each made his own way to Paris. Ali was instructed to go via Milan where it is understood he met members of the Red Brigades and received money and a suitcase containing a sealed compartment filled with a new and undetectable type of explosive similar to the one used at the Berlin discotheque, killing American soldiers.

El-Ali was able to take the explosives through Paris and Madrid airports without being detected.

The Syrians advised him not to take the suitcase onto the aircraft himself, but to find a small-time criminal willing to accept a big reward for carrying heroin. After trying unsuccessfully to find someone else el-Ali was told to move to Madrid.

Evidently it was only the petty criminal's

curiosity that led to the discovery of the explosives. He started poking around the suitcase, looking for the heroin he thought he was carrying. As he did so, he activated the detonator which caused smoke to pour out of the suitcase. Security guards were immediately alerted and the plot uncovered.

A Madrid judge yesterday ordered the imprisonment of two men arrested in a bombing at Madrid's airport last week, police said.

Immediately after the explosion, police arrested Manuel Jalafe, the owner of the suitcase which exploded. Police said Jalafe later identified Nasser Hassan el-Ali, a Palestinian carrying a Syrian passport, as the person who had paid him to carry the bag.

Jalafe, a Canary Islander of Syrian descent, also appeared before the judge, who ordered both men imprisoned until today, when another hearing is scheduled.

It was not known what charges would be filed against the two men.

A government spokesman said police were seeking members of an extremist Palestinian group, the Fatah Uprising, believed to have assisted el-Ali.

Jordan unlikely to get Tornado jets before 1991

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI

BONN. — Jordan is unlikely to receive the European produced Tornado fighter aircraft before 1991 even if it manages to arrange their purchase. The Jordanians have expressed interest in buying up to 40 ADV (air defence version) Tornados from Britain and the subject was brought up during Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Amman.

German sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that delivery of the aircraft would be technically possible only in the early '90s. They added that, in practice, Britain is unlikely to make a deal with Jordan without consulting Germany and Italy, co-producers of the plane. The three governments maintain close links over the Tornado programme.

although in theory each country may sell Tornados on its own.

The U.S. would also have to give its consent to the sale. The sources pointed out that the U.S. administration has already agreed to the sale of 72 Tornados to Saudi Arabia.

On the other hand, they said, Germany would be anxious not to stop a Tornado deal without very good reasons.

Saudi Arabia has ordered 72 Tornados, 24 of them ADVs, from Britain, and Oman has bought eight ADV Tornados from the British.

The sources added that an early delivery of Tornados to Jordan from the Royal Air Force inventory was unlikely as the RAF had to part with a number of planes to enable prompt delivery to the Saudis.

Israel 'not worried' by Chinese unit in Lebanon

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is "not worried" by the impending arrival of some 200 Chinese officers in Lebanon to man the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization lookout posts along Lebanon's border with Israel.

Foreign Ministry sources said that the Untso, which has units in Syria and Lebanon, has "always" had soldiers from countries that do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. They said Israel had nothing to say in the matter.

Israeli observers interpret the imminent arrival of the Chinese contingent as another sign of China's new interest in taking an active role in developments outside its boundaries.

The head of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's international organizations department has just ended a tour of Lebanon and Syria, which included a visit to Unifil headquarters in Nakura, and the director-general of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry is scheduled to visit Beijing next week. It is assumed that he will finalize arrangements for the arrival of the Chinese contingent.

The Chinese officers will man five lookout posts held by the Untso Observers' Group Lebanon. It is possible that they will occasionally visit Israel.



U.S. Consul-General Morris Draper points at the cake presented him by the Jerusalem Hilton on the occasion of today's Fourth of July celebrations. (Scoop 80)

Palestinians shun boycott of reception

By JOEL GREENBERG

Dozens of Palestinians from the territories showed up for a July 4 reception yesterday at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem, despite attempts to organize a boycott of the gathering to protest against American policy in the Middle East.

Among those attending were Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij and Jordanian parliament member Hikmet al-Masri of Nabulus.

A group of pro-PLO invitees

stayed away from the reception, which was held for both Palestinians and Israelis at the West Jerusalem consulate.

The group reportedly sent a letter to the consulate explaining that it was boycotting the gathering to protest against what it called the U.S.'s anti-PLO policy and "unlimited" support for Israel. Those who did not attend included Bir Zeit University Vice President Gabi Barakmi and An-Najah University spokesman Saeb Erakat.

Amity toasted at Fourth of July fete

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — The Israeli establishment led by Prime Minister Peres and Vice Premier Shamir last night joined U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering in toasting Israel-U.S. amity on the occasion of the 210th anniversary of U.S. independence, which falls today.

The 1,000 guests, including the entire cabinet, most MKs, and the Supreme Court justices, watched a fireworks display while munching hamburgers and drinking cokes on the lawn of the ambassador's residence, which was dominated by a plaster replica of the Statue of Liberty donated by the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Pickering spoke of the common efforts of Israel and the U.S. in the search for peace and in fighting terrorism. He saw common elements in the Entebbe operation 10 years ago and the recent U.S. raid on Tripoli. The world should learn from Israel how to counter state-sponsored terrorism, Pickering said.

President Chaim Herzog yesterday sent U.S. President Ronald Reagan a July 4 greeting in which he said: "America's Declaration of Independence is an historic milestone in the history of civilization. The close friendship and cooperation between our two nations has been a source of deepest satisfaction to the government and people of Israel and it is our hope and belief that the links between our two countries will continue to grow even stronger."



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To mark the shloshim of

Dr. MAURICE A. JAFFE ז"ל

a memorial meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 1986, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jerusalem Great Synagogue

Eulogies: Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Religious Affairs, Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Kirschblum
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On the thirtieth day after the passing of my dear wife

HANNAH PERRY

there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone on Monday, July 7, 1986.

We shall meet at 4 p.m. at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul.
I thank all who offered condolences.

Eng. Ephraim Perry

On the fifth anniversary of the death of our dear

FAIGEL BRAUDE ז"ל

there will be a memorial service on Sunday, July 6, 1986, at 5:00 p.m. at Herzliya Cemetery.

The Family

We announce with great sorrow the death of my dear husband, our dear father and grandfather

Dr. SHIMON (Heiner) HERRMANN

The funeral will take place today, Friday, July 4, 1986, Sivan 27 at 12 noon at the Rehovot Cemetery.

The bereaved family:

Rise Herrmann, Miriam Herrmann, Mery, Nily and Ziv, Nurith and Yossi Segura, Nir, Guy, and Tamar, Eliezer and Edith Portje

With heavy grief and profound pain we announce the death of our beloved

Dr. YITZHAK IMRE ROSENBERG ז"ל

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The funeral took place Friday, June 27, 1986, at the Jewish Cemetery in Ottawa, Canada.

The bereaved: Dr. Trude Rosenberg and the Family

With great sorrow and anguish, we announce the untimely passing of our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather

SHELDON B. GROSS ז"ל

Wife: Ella Gross

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Grandchildren: Shai, Yigal, Nathan and Shaiva Gross and all other members of the family in Israel and the U.S.
Shiva at Sderot Eshkol 2/39, Jerusalem.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

ADA BUSHANSKY

on June 28, 1986, in Australia, after a long illness.

Beloved mother of Amos, mother-in-law of Eva, grandmother of Nadine and Michael.
May her dear soul rest in peace.

Major talks between Reagan, Mitterrand

World pays respects to Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK — A flotilla of graceful sailing ships and hordes of small, bobbing pleasure boats from around the world paid their respects yesterday to the newly renovated Statue of Liberty as the presidents of the U.S. and France prepared to rekindle the monument's torch.

It is the start of a four-day celebration of immigrant dreams and American accomplishments, planned to coincide with the 210th anniversary of American independence.

Churches around the nation rang their bells for 100 seconds at noon yesterday after a service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, featuring patriotic songs, prayer and a videotaped message from Pope John Paul II.

French President Francois Mitterrand and President Reagan were to preside over the official opening

ceremonies after a massive, four-year renovation of the 46-metre statue, which was a gift from France in 1886.

Reagan was to push a switch to shoot a laser beam across New York harbour to set off a 1.4-million-watt light show to illuminate the statue. He said before flying in from Washington that the statue was "a beacon of hope for all mankind."

Breaking momentarily from the festivities, Reagan and Mitterrand will meet for talks today which may help pave the way for a second U.S.-Soviet summit, a U.S. official said. Mitterrand is scheduled to go to Moscow to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev next week.

The festivities are expected to attract up to 12 million people.

When the statue was originally unveiled on October 28, 1886 one

million people cheered. U.S. President Grover Cleveland listened stoically then to countless versions of the "Marseillaise" and "Yankee Doodle," as 20,000 marchers paraded for two and a half hours in a line stretching for 11 rain-soaked kilometres.

Police that day packed the jails with pickpockets, ship whistles booted down speakers, and the torchlighting and fireworks were cancelled on account of rain and fog so dense the statue almost vanished.

There have been some critics of the weekend festivities, calling them overblown and underwhelming. Several federal judges objected to last night's planned televised swearing-in of thousands of new U.S. citizens, saying it was undignified.

"Our usual dignified naturalization

court is being turned into a pageant over which I have no control," U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell of Washington told the Immigration and Naturalization Service in a letter.

The televised proceedings included Chief Justice Warren Burger swearing in 300 petitioners on Ellis Island, near the statue, and then re-enactment for the cameras. At the same time, new citizens in St. Louis, Washington, Miami and San Francisco will be shown repeating the oath for a second time.

Japanese vote Sunday

TOKYO (Reuters). — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is gambling his political future in vowing to restore a clear majority for his party when Japan votes in Sunday's general elections.



Prince Andrew and fiancée Sarah Ferguson recently visited a linen factory in Belfast. (Reuters/Telephoto)

Britain's princess-to-be ridiculed or ignored by press

LONDON (Reuters). — Only three weeks away from becoming a princess, Sarah Ferguson has yet to win the hearts of the most royalty-loving nation on earth.

Far from the indulgent adoration she might have hoped for, the good-humoured, red-haired commoner — due to marry Prince Andrew, Queen Elizabeth's second son, on July 23 — has been teased about her weight, ridiculed for her clothes and upstaged by her future sister-in-law, Princess Diana.

Ferguson turned up at a polo match in a polka-dot dress, and Princess Diana outshone her by arriving in not only a polka-dot skirt but polka-dot socks. The socks launched a fashion craze.

When Ferguson appeared at Ascot, fashion pundits said her outfit gave them seasickness and made her shoulders look like those of an American footballer. When she spent a week in the Caribbean sun, a routine of gossip writers filed daily reports on the fact that she never appeared without a man's shirt over her bikini.

Her Rubenesque, size 14 figure has prompted jibes in the popular press bordering on the cruel. One tabloid featured a cartoon of a little girl saying to her nanny: "If I eat up

my pudding won't I turn into a Fergie?"

Alternatively there are days when she is not mentioned by the popular press at all, in stark contrast to the limelight focused on the blonde, fashion-conscious and pencil-slim Diana, wife of Prince Charles.

The doyen of British gossip writers, Nigel Dempster, says it is hardly surprising. "Diana is a raving beauty. Sarah isn't. She's more a housewife's magazine knitting-pattern type," Dempster, a columnist for the mass-circulation Daily Mail, said.

Another crucial difference between the two, he said, lay in the fact that "Diana was just 19 when Charles took an interest in her. Sarah is 26. By 26 every girl has had four to five longer affairs."

Barbara Cartland, Britain's highpriestess of romantic novels who also happens to be Diana's step-grandmother, once described the future queen as perfect princess material because she was "chaste and chaste."

Tabloids have taken delight in reminding their readers that Ferguson, on the other hand, has a past — by printing photographs of her rubbing noses with former boy-friend Paddy McNally.

Sterilized woman gives birth, awarded £39,963

LONDON (AFP). — A British woman who was sterilized but later gave birth to a child was awarded £39,963 (\$60,000) in damages.

Christine Jones, 35, of Newbury, underwent a sterilization operation at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to discover a year later that she was pregnant.

She initially feared that she had

cancer of the womb, and only learnt of the pregnancy seven months after conception. She gave birth by caesarian operation to a girl.

As Jones watched her stomach bulge out, "for weeks she seriously thought she may have cancer of the womb and this caused her a good deal of anguish," a high court judge said.

South Africa blast injures 2 police; 3 more blacks killed

JOHANNESBURG (AFP). — A police constable and a woman police sergeant were slightly injured early yesterday when a bomb exploded outside a police station in Cape Town's white suburb of Mowbray, the government Bureau of Information said.

The bureau, the only authorized source of information under press controls in effect here, also said security forces had found the bodies of three blacks burned to death in separate incidents by the so-called

"necklace" ritual, where a petrol-soaked tie is placed over the head of the victim and set alight.

The method is often used against blacks seen as collaborating with the white authorities.

The discovery of the three bodies on Wednesday brought to 98 the official death toll in politically related unrest since a nationwide state of emergency was declared June 12.

The outlawed African National Congress (ANC), the most powerful anti-apartheid guerrilla movement,

has neither claimed nor denied responsibility for a series of blasts since the emergency was declared.

In another development, a police spokesman announced the arrests of four suspected ANC guerrillas Wednesday near Pretoria. He said police had seized two hand grenades during the arrest.

Black trade unionists, meanwhile, were reported to be planning mass action to secure the release of union leaders and members, hundreds of whom have been detained under the

state of emergency.

Meanwhile, Fritz Leutwiler, who agreed last year to mediate between South Africa and its creditors after Pretoria suspended repayments on some \$14 billion in foreign debt, announced yesterday in Zurich that he was abandoning his efforts.

A spokesman for Leutwiler, former chairman of the Swiss Central Bank and of the Bank of International Settlements, said the decision was motivated by the "absence of political progress in South Africa."

Chile's military tries to break strike

SANTIAGO (AP). — Chile's military rulers filed state security charges against 17 civic leaders, banned opposition radio newscasts and kept hundreds of army soldiers on street patrol yesterday to try to break an anti-government strike.

Police reported three slum residents killed by gunfire, 22 others wounded and more than 200 demonstrators arrested Wednesday at the start of a scheduled two-day work stoppage headed by tens of thousands of shopkeepers, truckers, taxi owners and bus drivers.

A caller claiming to be a Communist guerrilla spokesman told the AP that a rebel group was responsible

for bombings that cut electricity Wednesday night to more than six million people — half of the country's population. Bombs toppled three rural pylons, causing a power failure that darkened Santiago and five other cities.

In Santiago, Valparaiso and Concepcion, thousands of commuters stayed home or walked to work for a second day.

It was one of the most disruptive protests in 13 years of authoritarian rule by President Augusto Pinochet.

Opposition leaders called the strike an encouraging first round in their battle to persuade the armed forces to stop supporting Pinochet.

Polish Communists re-elect Jaruzelski

WARSAW (Reuters). — General Wojciech Jaruzelski was re-elected leader of Poland's ruling Communist Party yesterday on the final day of its first congress since the 1981 Solidarity crisis.

The official Pab news agency said he was confirmed by a new party central committee that the congress elected Wednesday night. Membership of the committee and a reshuffled politburo that will serve under Jaruzelski was expected to be announced later.

Informed sources said important changes were expected in the politburo with as many as eight of its 13 outgoing members possibly being

replaced as Jaruzelski consolidates his grip on the party.

Meanwhile, the banned trade union Solidarity warned it would press for improved wages and better working conditions during a month-long protest in September. (Reuters, AFP).

HAWK — A prototype Hawk 200, a fighter-bomber that Britain hopes to sell to Asian and other developing countries, crashed Wednesday, killing its pilot and marking what its British Aerospace manufacturers said was a "major setback" for sales hopes.

U.S. dismissal of World Court ruling upsets legal experts

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Many U.S. legal scholars are dismayed with President Reagan's dismissal of the World Court ruling on Nicaragua, fearing it could undermine the international legal system.

"Experts said in telephone interviews they respected last week's finding that Washington broke international law by aiding anti-government 'Contra' rebels in Nicaragua. They called it a credible judgment by distinguished jurists."

"I am persuaded that the majority found correctly," said Prof. Burns Weston of the University of Iowa,

chairman of the independent Commission on Respect for International Law.

"What you have is the United States dismissing a ruling by the World Court, a sovereign state, namely, Nicaragua, which has a freely elected government," he said.

"You may not like the government but that's not the way, according to most treaties, that you change things."

Since Reagan took office in 1981, Washington has been arming, training and otherwise aiding the Contras seeking to topple Managua's leftist

Sandinista government.

The court, officially known as the International Court of Justice, ordered in a 12 to 3 decision that the administration "stop arming and training the insurgents and pay Nicaragua for damages caused by military attacks."

The verdict, rendered on a complaint by Nicaragua, was widely expected and followed 26 months of litigation.

The administration announced in 1985 it would ignore the World Court, claiming it had no jurisdiction in cases concerning armed conflicts.

Israel down Swiss in water polo 9-4

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel's national water polo team yesterday defeated Switzerland 9-4 on the opening day of the "Eight Nations" annual swim meet. In two other contests, Wales beat Norway 14-7, and Scotland edged Belgium 9-8.

The Israeli team are currently

preparing for next month's world championship in Spain by a visiting Hungarian coach.

The swimming competitions start tomorrow at the Tel Aviv University pool at 3:30 p.m., continuing on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. One swimmer from each of seven countries participating — Ireland, Finland, Belgium, Wales, Switzerland, Norway and Israel — can compete in each event. Scotland arrived with only a water polo squad and will not participate in the swimming events.

Clemens just shy

NEW YORK (AP). — Roger Clemens fell short of a record-tying 15th consecutive victory Wednesday night when the Toronto Blue Jays reached the Boston right-hander for three runs in the eighth inning to post a 4-2 decision.

Clemens has lost his winning streak at the American League record of 15 straight wins at the start of a season. In other AL games, he was Cleveland 7, Oakland 3; Detroit 8, New York 3; Milwaukee 1, Baltimore 0; Texas 10, Minnesota 2; Seattle 5, Kansas City 3; and California 4, Chicago 3. In the National League, Houston beat San Diego 6-1; Atlanta defeated San Francisco 7-4; New York beat St. Louis 4-3; Chicago completed Tuesday's extended game with Montreal with a 1-0 victory, then defeated the Expos 5-4 in the regularly scheduled game; Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia 4-3 and Cincinnati beat Los Angeles 4-3 in 10 innings.

Local weekend action

AUTOCROSS RALLY TEL AVIV. — Some seventy racing car drivers are expected to participate in the third Autocross rally of the year, to be held at Ashdod today. The race runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The races have been divided into three divisions, of 1000cc, 1300cc and 1600cc. Each race covers eight laps over the 1.2 kilometre long track course.

SOFTBALL SEMIS

TEL AVIV. — The semi-finals of the Israel Softball A League takes place tomorrow at the Sports Complex here. Gary Richard beat the 26'ers at 10 a.m., while Maccabi Tel Aviv square up to UN-Golan Canadians at 1 p.m. The final will be held next weekend, to wind up the league's 1986 season.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

TEL AVIV. — The first stage of the fifth annual "All-in-the-Family" Tennis Tournament takes place this weekend, under the sponsorship of The Jerusalem Post. The meet is being held at the Bat Yam municipality's Country Club courts, with play starting at 3 p.m. today and 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Mickey joins squad

Captain Mickey Berkowitz and the rest of Israel's National basketball team left yesterday for Spain and their first venture into World Cup competition in 32 years.

Berkowitz missed the final practice after suffering a case of food poisoning the night before and was home recuperating. He is expected however to be fit and ready for tomorrow night's opening round game against Uruguay at 9 p.m. The game will be televised.

Skipper's knock

BIRMINGHAM (AP). — Captain Mike Gatting scored a century for England Thursday as they reached 315 for six on the first day of the final cricket Test against India.

England, who lost their first two wickets before a run was scored, seemed doomed to another collapse when shortly after lunch they slumped to 88 for 4.

But then Gatting's innings of 141 not out, which included 17 fours and two sixes, lifted hopes of a possible victory.

In the Mini-World Cup Holland beat Denmark by five wickets and play Zimbabwe in the final.

Mandlikova after her first; Navratilova her 'lucky 7th'

WIMBLEDON, England (AP). — Martina Navratilova, gunning for her seventh Wimbledon championship and a line in the record book, and Hana Mandlikova, seeking her first title on London's grass courts, sped into the women's final yesterday with straight-set victories.

Navratilova, the top seed from the U.S., lost her serve just once in defeating 10th-seeded teenager Gabriela Sabatini 6-2, 6-2.

Mandlikova, the third seed from Czechoslovakia, had a tougher time before beating second-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd of the U.S. 7-6, 7-5.

Tomorrow's match on centre court will be the seventh Wimbledon singles title appearance for Navratilova. She has won her first six including the last four years in a row. One more would tie a record for consecutive championships.

"My seventh Wimbledon final — it's a lucky number," Navratilova said. "It always wonder, 'what would it feel like if I lose one?'"

Mandlikova, who has won the other three Grand Slam tournaments — the French, U.S. and Australian Opens — and who lost her only previous Wimbledon championship appearance to Lloyd in

1981, feels she has a good chance to let Navratilova answer that question.

"I think I can win," she said. "But it's going to be very difficult. And it will be very different from today."

Lloyd, a 10-time Wimbledon finalist, has lots of experience against both survivors. She has played Navratilova 69 times, and Mandlikova 25. Her choice tomorrow: the defending champ.

"I think Hana's capable of beating her," Lloyd said. "But I still have to put my money on Martina. She's more consistent right now."

Navratilova and Sabatini, a 16-year-old from Argentina who was the youngest women's semifinalist ever here, had never met on court before.

From yesterday's performance, Sabatini may not be eager for meeting No. 2. Navratilova took her apart.

"She played very well," Sabatini said. "My return wasn't working, or my passing shots. She's No. 1, and you get a little nervous."

Parts of this afternoon's men's semi-finals — Lendl v. Zivjovic and Becker v. Leconte — are due to be screened on TV from 4 p.m.



TRIUMPHANT. — Hana Mandlikova exults after beating Chris Evert-Lloyd in yesterday's semi-final match at Wimbledon. (Reuters/Telephoto)

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Palestinian Hebrew paper launched

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ziad Abu Zayad, the East Jerusalem journalist and lawyer, is a man with a mission. His latest creation, a Hebrew-language Palestinian newspaper, is a vehicle through which he hopes to improve Israeli understanding of the Palestinians.

The bi-weekly paper is called *Gesher* (Bridge) and is to be distributed today for the second time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv after its pilot edition hit the newsstands a fortnight ago.

One thousand copies of the tabloid are to be distributed, though Abu Zayad says he has encountered some difficulty in getting Jewish newspaper vendors to carry the paper on their racks. "Only two agreed to take the paper when it first appeared, and one of them put it on a bottom shelf, explaining that he didn't want problems. Some vendors told me they were worried they might be beaten up, something I didn't hear three years ago when we distributed the Hebrew language edition of *Al Fajr*."

Abu Zayad, 46, was the East Jerusalem paper's Hebrew editor in 1982 and 1983.

He speaks fluent Hebrew, which he learned in 1968 at a Hebrew uplan for new immigrants at Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am, where he was the first Arab student to enroll. He has since appeared in a number of joint forums with Israelis, where he has

used Hebrew to present his Palestinian nationalist opinions to Israeli audiences.

Gesher is divided into a number of sections: news from the territories and the Arab world; special features, including translations from the Arabic press abroad, a culture section; and translations from the local Palestinian press. News from the territories focuses mainly on Israeli security measures in the areas, including land expropriations, and demolition of houses.

Features in the first issue covered living conditions in the Dehaishe refugee camp, Arab student life at the Hebrew University, layoffs of foreign workers in the Arab oil states and translated interviews with PLO leaders. The culture section featured reviews of Arabic studies and journals on Palestinian history, art and literature, as well as reviews of Palestinian novels and poetry.

Today's edition includes special features on Palestinian literature after the Lebanon war, the status of women in Egypt, and the debate in the Arab world on whether to reabsorb Oriental Jews were they to decide to leave Israel.

The purpose of *Gesher* is to "enable Israelis to learn first-hand what is happening in the occupied territories," according to the paper's first editorial.

"The Israelis' stereotypes can be changed by enabling Israelis to get to know the human side of the Palesti-

nian people, Palestinian culture, folklore, and Arab society in general," the editorial continues.

Politically, the paper supports a Palestinian state alongside Israel. Since the ideal of a binational state is presently impossible, there must be "two states for two peoples, who will learn to live as neighbours in mutual respect," says the editorial.

Abu Zayad's editorial is published in both Hebrew and Arabic, to refute critics who have charged that his moderate statements in Hebrew are not matched in his Arabic writing. He says the paper has been well received by his Arab colleagues.

The paper is currently running on a shoe-string budget. Its staff of three Arabs and three Jews work in a sparsely furnished suite of rooms in East Jerusalem. Abu Zayad says funding for the paper comes mainly from his own pocket, though he hopes to cover his expenses by increasing sales. "Both Arab and Israeli advertisers prefer to advertise in the more largely circulated Hebrew press, and they are unlikely to place ads in *Gesher* unless it increases its circulation," he says.

He hopes that, by publishing stories which will attract the Israeli reader, including articles by Israeli contributors, he can increase interest in the paper. "The main idea is to show that we can publish a good, interesting paper," he says. "This can make *Gesher* viable."

Israel linked to arms sales in Iran, West German officials confirm

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
in Bonn
and AVI HOFFMANN
in Jerusalem

The state-attorney's office in Munich has confirmed that the name "Harel" appears in the investigation file of a planned illegal \$82 m. arms deal with Iran that the West German weekly *Stern* claims was arranged by the Israeli government. Israeli officials have strongly denied that there is any official involvement in the alleged deal.

Ron Harel, who lives in Moshav Sde Hemed near Kfar Sava and is known to have been involved in several international trading companies, some of them dealing in

arms, refused to comment on the report.

Stern reported that a Ron Harel had sent a telex on April 1, 1986, indicating a connection between the Israeli government and Henry Kamaniecki, a former Israeli citizen arrested in Munich in connection with the deal.

Both Prime Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin have denied Israel's involvement. Peres said on Israeli TV on Wednesday night: "The fact that there are many Israelis who are looking for one opportunity or another—generally, a commercial opportunity in the realm of weaponry—does not obligate the state of Israel, and I suggest we do not place responsibility for actions of

one or several individuals on the state."

The Munich state-attorney's office said that the investigation was only in its initial stages and that it was not yet known who was behind the planned deal. It would neither confirm nor deny the alleged involvement of the Israeli government.

The West German Embassy in Tel Aviv said that, since the federal investigations office was not involved and the case was a local Munich matter, the embassy had no information about the affair.

The office, if there was one, was against the West German law prohibiting the sale of weapons to "areas of tension."

Bus-shelter posters

Christian pilgrims also find them offensive

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The bus-shelter advertising posters in Jerusalem are not in worse taste than elsewhere in the Western world, but some Christian pilgrims—like some Jews—find them objectionable.

The posters have been a source of conflict and violence recently. Many shelters have been burned down, allegedly by ultra-Orthodox extremists, and others daubed with black paint.

Among the complaints made against the posters is that they are lascivious. But Father Claudio Barrato, director of the Christian Information Centre, a Roman Catholic

institution in Jerusalem's Old City said that Catholic pilgrims hardly notice them.

"They are used to similar things in their own countries," he said. While not wishing to enter into the polemics of the issue, he too found them "unfortunate."

But he was upset by the continuing violence by Jews of various viewpoints in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel. As "observers from the outside," he said, he and his colleagues were "saddened" by these events.

For Timothy King, an official of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, an institution which deals primarily with evangelical Protestants, the posters are definitely in "bad taste."

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

"Heinrich Heine was an outstanding poet, writer, and thinker. Although he abandoned Judaism, he mocked the hypocrisy of his fellow converts in his sharp protest against the Damascus libel. He exerted great influence on Mendele, Frishman, Peretz, and Bialik. But the ministry does not intervene in the matter of street names. That is in the province of the local authorities."

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, commenting on Geula Cohen's suggestion that a street be named after Heine.

"We dissociated ourselves from the incident in Jerusalem in which the Mount of Olives grave of a Reform rabbi [Rabbi Morton Berman] was walked in [by extremist elements]. He was a good Jew in the field of Zionism, and the deed was disgraceful."

Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg, replying to a question by Chaika Grossman (Mapam).

Knesset quotes

"All this talk about stopping both religious and secularist coercion. Where is there secularist coercion? In the general state schools both secularist and religious teachers may teach, but the state religious schools do not hire non-religious teachers. And now we hear that a teacher was fired from a state religious secondary school because her husband doesn't wear a kippa and turns on the light on Shabbat."

Amira Sartani (Mapam), in a motion for the agenda on the teacher's dismissal.

"I have been informed that the teacher in question...was dismissed because of a reduction of staff, and not on religious grounds. As to the principle, the law lists the religious way of life of the teacher as one of the four special characteristics of the state religious trend. Up to now, that has been interpreted as referring to the teacher's family too."

Navon, replying to Sartani.

"We fully support the exposure of the lies and the cover-up in the Shin Bet affair, but we shall not rest until those who carried out the lynchings and those who gave the order are put on trial. We must not forget that the basis of the affair is the murder in cold blood of two prisoners."

Mohammed Miari (Progressive List for Peace), on the intention of the families of the two terrorists to ask the High Court to order a full investigation of the affair.

"When Binyamin Siegel [former head of the fraud squad] was asked by an interviewer, during the Abuhazzeira investigation, about the leaks and the lies published in the press he replied: 'Yes, I was interested in getting that published. So what if we leaked? What's so terrible about it?'"

Uzi Landau (Likud-Herut), in a motion for the agenda on police investigation methods.

"In the cases mentioned, police leaks were not needed in order to get the information to the public: the complainants saw to that. But leaks are improper, and we are making a serious effort to stop them—and I think we have had a measure of success...As to police investigations in general, the minister has no standing. I cannot initiate an investigation more than any other citizen, I cannot halt an investigation, I cannot intervene in an investigation."

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, replying to Landau.

"Exempting yordim who visit Israel from paying the travel tax is wrong because it gives them an unjustified benefit and harms the struggle against *veridia* and the efforts to bring the yordim back. If anyone is exempted it should be, above all, new olim who must maintain contact with the members of their family who are still in their country of origin."

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur, on Uriel Lynn's bill to grant exemption to yordim.

Three U.S. presidential hopefuls due to visit here

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — It's still more than two years until the November 1988 presidential election, but the political season in the U.S. is already well under way, with the major presidential hopefuls lining up to visit Israel.

Senator Gary Hart (Dem.-Colorado), is due in Israel on Sunday, following brief visits to Jordan and Egypt. A strong supporter of Israel with a virtually perfect voting record to back it up, Hart can be expected to reiterate a down-the-line, pro-Israel stance.

Later this month, Republican Congressman Jack Kemp, widely regarded as a staunch friend, will travel to Israel to witness the official "roll-out" ceremony of the new Lavi jet fighter. Kemp was among those lawmakers who pressed hardest to make sure that Israel could use some of its U.S. military assistance for the research and development of the Lavi.

And at the end of July, Vice President George Bush will pay an official visit to Israel, Egypt and Jordan. He was invited by Prime Minister Peres earlier this year.

The vice president's aides are attaching considerable political importance to his visit to Israel: They know that Bush is not widely perceived in the Jewish community as especially pro-Israel, even though the vice president was personally involved in authorizing the use of U.S. military transport planes to



George Bush (Barzily)



Gary Hart (Camera Press)



Jack Kemp (Israeli)

rescue Ethiopian Jewish refugees stranded in the Sudan nearly two years ago.

The three politicians are among the most influential people in Washington and are all considered serious presidential contenders. What they see and hear in Israel could make a big difference in shaping their personal attitudes toward the entire Middle East situation.

Hart is currently the frontrunner for his party's presidential nomination in 1988. He has already announced that he will not seek re-election to the Senate this year in order to devote all his energies to the presidential campaign.

Bush is currently ahead of the other Republicans jockeying to succeed President Reagan. It is, observers say, his nomination to lose, and they point out that he carries some excess political baggage.

For one thing, the conservatives in the Republican Party—a very influential group—consider him too "centrist." By trying to accommodate conservatives, Bush has alienated others, including syndicated

columnist George Will, who described him as a "lap dog" because of his supposed pandering to the right-wing of the party.

Kemp, the darling of the right-wing, is moving quickly to establish a first-rate political organization, which includes former White House officials.

The Hart, Bush and Kemp visits to the Middle East suggest that they are already gearing up for a bruising contest—first to get their parties' nominations and then to win the overall race. "I can't think of any other country in the world which candidates want to visit more than Israel in order to enhance their popularity back home," said Morris J. Amitay, a former executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and now a prominent Washington political operative.

Of course, there are others who are ready to become presidential contenders. Among the Republicans are Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, former senator Howard Baker of Tennessee and Rev. Pat Robertson, the Christian fundamentalist television minister.

Some of the Democrats whose names have been tossed around so far include New York governor Mario Cuomo, Democratic senators Joe Biden, of Delaware, and Bill Bradley, of New Jersey, former Virginia governor Charles Robb and Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt.

The candidates can be expected to compete for support among Israel's friends in the U.S., especially the Jewish community. This has become a regular feature of presidential campaigns, and Reagan and Mondale, both strong supporters, voiced their everlasting love for Israel in 1984.

The intensity of the pro-Israel feeling, "We want to grow plants and trees with the effluents after treatment," said Shitrit.

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Pipeline to remove stench from southern Beersheba

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The district planning committee voted this week in favour of a chemical pipeline to carry toxic fluid effluents from the Makhateshim Chemical Works in town seven kilometres to the south, bypassing the city's southern neighbourhoods. This is the direct result of a petition filed earlier this year by the Neve Noy neighbourhood committee with the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem.

"This is an interim solution until a biological treatment facility is established, hopefully by the end of 1987," deputy mayor Arik Nissan told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He added that since January 1 this year, the most hazardous wastes from the plant, which is situated in the city itself, are transported to the national toxic waste disposal site in Ramat Hovav, 12km. to the south, by tankers. "This is not an optimal solution, since it creates mosquito problems, so we hope the pipeline will prove

better," Nissan said.

Yitzhak Shitrit, the district planner, said that what was really needed was a 20km. pipeline that would take the wastes to the area beyond the Ramat Hovav installations. Today, this area is held by the IDF for maneuvers, but Shitrit said that the army is willing to give the Interior Ministry 1,000 dunams on which to experiment with the pipeline project.

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Man arrested for threat to blow up welfare office

BEERSHEBA (Itm). — A judge in the Beersheba Magistrates Court yesterday ordered that a man who threatened to blow up the municipal welfare office be detained until the end of his trial.

The man, Haim Arbib, 32, of Beersheba, has been imprisoned many times for being violent, for threatening to become so, and for using drugs. Six months ago, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, the police representative told Judge Yoav Kattan.

Arbib is suspected of having threatened to use violence against Ovadia Rabi, head of the welfare office, and his deputy, Benjamin Butrasvili, when they asked him on Wednesday to leave Rabi's office. Arbib became unruly and threatened to blow the place up, the judge was told.

"The suspect's threats against the two public servants are quite clear and substantial and public servants must be protected against such threats, particularly since it's not the first time he has made them," the judge said.

A social worker was stabbed to death on Monday in Migdal Ha'emek and on Tuesday social workers throughout the country closed welfare offices in protest.

Chase in Gaza after stolen tanker truck

GAZA (Itm). — An unidentified man drove a petrol tanker out of a service station here midday yesterday and raced through the streets of the city.

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The secret service controversy: How Herut politicians see it

Warring party factions rally round Shamir

By Mark Segal and Sarah Honig

HAD THE disrupted Herut Convention been held this week it would have witnessed the triumph of Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, instead of his hurried exit from the hall amid catcalls from hostile opposition delegates.

The GSS affair has most certainly entrenched his primacy inside Herut, to judge by what is being said by members of its various factions. The widespread attacks on Shamir and the question marks hovering over his role in the GSS affair, have fuelled the intrinsic Herut underdog syndrome in his favour. Members of the warring factions have been obliged to declare an internal truce and rally around Shamir.

His adoption of a tough-talking style during and since last Sunday's cabinet meeting has certainly warmed Herut's hearts. They are ready and even eager to go to the electorate, which some say may be the only way of coping with the upcoming High Court of Justice judgment. Likud Knesset faction head Haim Kaufman's talk of "a leftist minority takeover of Labour" is just a taste of the Likud campaign line to come.

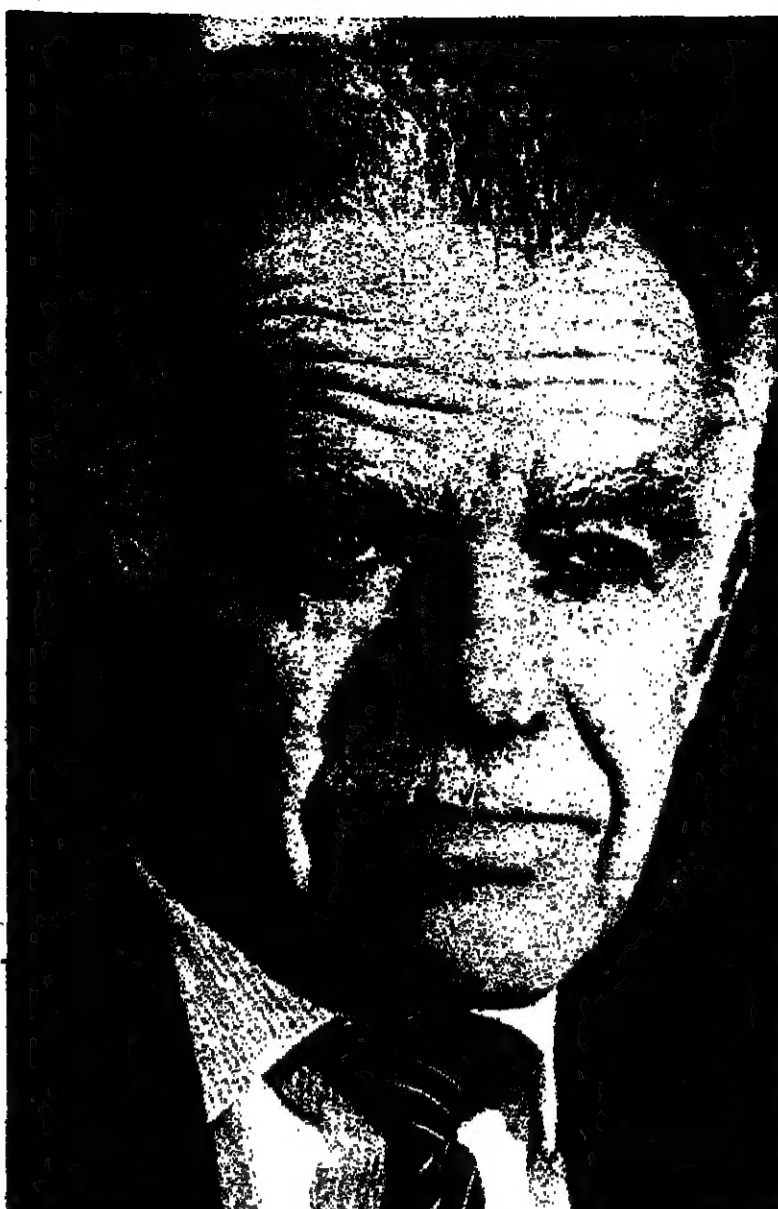
Perhaps the most indicative incident of how the GSS affair fallout has affected the internal Herut balance was the strongly-worded denial issued earlier this week by Deputy Premier David Levy of an unattributed Israel Radio report claiming that in the event of new elections, Shamir would be faced with a challenge to his leadership. Indeed Levy's lieutenant, Herut organization department head MK Micha Reiser, later told us of his suspicions of some kind of provocative design behind the unattributed radio report. "We'd be the last to disrupt party unity," he stressed.

No one in Herut is willing to seriously contemplate, never mind discuss publicly, the latest notion of replacing Shamir as the post-rotation premier. As one senior Herut politician put it: "It would be a political *hara-kiri* for any of us to take up such a proposal at this juncture. One would be howled down as a traitor." The idea was floated publicly after Sunday's cabinet meeting by Labour's Health Minister Mordechai Gur. He first argued that Shamir was disqualified from becoming premier. Denying this was a gimmick to dodge the rotation deal, Gur advocated that Labour-Likud negotiations begin on finding an "acceptable alternative." If Gur and his party allies thought they could capitalize on Herut's internal strife, the outcome was exactly the opposite.

THE REACTION from the Shamir camp was that, first and foremost, the coalition agreement states that the rotating prime ministers will be Peres and Shamir. That stipulation, we were reminded, came at Labour's behest to block any prospect of Ariel Sharon making headway in the succession stakes. Even should Labour formally propose renegotiating the rotation agreement, it was argued, there's no doubt that no Herut forum would consider it for a second. Supporters of both Levy and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon have taken pains to assure anyone who will listen that their leaders' conspicuous absence from the Knesset no-confidence debate (and vote) should in no way be interpreted as reflecting their stand on Shamir's primacy. The off-and-on alliance's view was expressed at the Herut Knesset caucus by Reiser when stressing their loyalty to the incumbent leader. He protested: "We know we've been accused of wishing to undermine the rotation agreement," noting the readiness of the party's election apparatus to spring into action "should Labour force us to go to the polls."

While the combined forces of Levy and Sharon did manage to bring the convention to a standstill, the canny maneuvering of the Shamir-Arens camp has blocked any bid to reconvene it prior to the rotation deadline. Moreover, cracks have since appeared in the Levy-Sharon alliance as underlying differences of interests have surfaced. It may be said that a prime memory of the 'deputy premier's supporters from that same hot evening in 1984, when the terrorist hijack of bus No. 300 moved towards its dramatic finale, was how close Sharon's minority came to Shamir's majority in the leadership vote at the Herut Central Committee in Tel Aviv. In the present government, Sharon has always taken the most extreme stand, as if challenging Shamir's ideological purity, while Levy has broken ranks on such major issues as the Lebanon pullout.

DURING THE development of the GSS affair, Levy was silent, partly because he was in mourning following his father's death. Sharon has taken a much more extreme position on the GSS affair than Shamir and was reportedly less than supportive



"No one in Herut is willing to contemplate... the latest notion of replacing Shamir." (Andre Brummann)



David Levy (Nowitz)



Ariel Sharon (Nackstrand)

of Shamir's consent to the granting of presidential pardons to the GSS quartet. He reportedly opposed singling out then GSS head Avraham Shalom, and spoke heatedly for simply dropping the whole matter in the dustbin of history.

Sharon has certainly taken a different tack to that of Levy on Shamir's leadership. Like the deputy premier, he has never questioned Shamir's right to become prime minister in October, but, unlike Levy, he is amenable to Shamir leading the Likud at the next elections and — hopefully — heading the following government. As Sharon-watchers explain, he sees Levy, who is closer to his age, as the real threat to himself regarding the succession to the 70-year-old Shamir. Sharon is said not to regard the even younger Moshe Arens in a similar light, un-

like Levy who quotes Shamir as having designated Arens as his preferred successor.

Another by-product of the bolstering of Shamir's position inside Herut has been to calm down the quarrelsome Liberals. Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has taken an even more extreme line than his Herut colleagues in bashing Labour in general, and Prime Minister Peres in particular. His rivals, Science Minister Gideon Patt and Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir, trust that under Shamir's leadership, the merger will be effected under terms amenable to the Liberals.

VARIOUS HERUT sources seem confident about the Likud's prospects in any elections fought on the GSS affair issue. They report that polls indicate that public opinion backs the Likud stand, with 70 per cent plus opposed to any inquiry into the affair. In addition, many top Likudniks doubt whether the coalition will survive longer than three or four weeks after Peres hands over the reins to Shamir. In internal discussions their argument goes like

LABOUR POLITICIANS have received information that Yitzhak Shamir is totally innocent of any wrongdoing in the General Security Services affair. "There is a budding realization, at least in some Alignment quarters, that a great wrong has been done to the deputy premier and that is why there has been some lowering of the tone in Labour," says Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, who was Yitzhak Shamir's defence minister when bus 300 was hijacked two years ago on its regular run from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon. It was that incident which, after a long pregnancy, gave birth to the latest crisis to threaten the national unity government.

"It may be wishful thinking on my part," Arens admitted to *The Jerusalem Post*, "but I think we are over the worst of it. The flames of controversy are dying down. I am convinced that a solution will be found and that this government will survive. There is no reason it should not."

Arens says Shamir "recently gave Peres some information about his own role in the affair. I know that the prime minister said something about it to the Labour ministers and that since then there has been a lowering of the tone in Labour."

As Arens has it, Shamir's conscience could not be clearer. He did not give the orders for the captured terrorists to be killed and neither did he know of the cover-up until the whole matter burst out in the open. More and more people in the know are coming to the realization that this is so, says Arens, without further elaboration.

Shamir's trouble, he explains, is that he had done something "which is so rare in public life these days that it is all but unexpected. Shamir's fault is that he acted nobly. He did not make the defence of his own reputation his single goal, outweighing all other considerations. On the contrary, Shamir gave his own selfish interests the lowest priority. He did not just cleanse his own hands and let the rest be damned. He had deliberately kept mum to protect the GSS. If he is guilty of anything it is altruism, and that is surely not common nowadays. Shamir continues to oppose investigation for the GSS's sake and not because he has anything to fear personally."

ARENS is sure that, sooner or later, the public will realize this and "appreciate what Shamir is doing. The public already perhaps does not understand Shamir's critics and why they harp on this matter. But in time they will also understand the sacrifice Shamir is making. He will surely emerge strengthened both within and outside the Likud from this affair. The truth will eventually come out," Arens says emphatically.

But how? Shamir continues to oppose the setting up of an inquiry commission. How can he and his

'Great wrong done to vice premier'

colleagues expect the truth to reveal itself? According to Arens, "Shamir has to oppose the inquiry to protect this essential service which, unfortunately, has been damaged already. I don't know how the truth will seep out, but it will. That is the nature of truth. I know that many of those Labour politicians who are most loudly maligning Shamir will come out and apologize to him. I think some in Labour already realize that they owe him an apology. There has been a frame-up against Shamir in some Labour quarters."

Arens denies that one result the affair has already had was to drive a wedge between him and Shamir. Press reports have alleged that Shamir had not properly briefed Arens when they were respectively prime minister and defence minister. Arens maintains that this is "unfounded. It is another fabrication by some journalist."

"There is not a single grain of truth to it. There is no tension between Shamir and me on this affair nor has there been — despite what some people will persist in writing."

The shrill invective generated by the affair fails to impress Arens or make him lose his cool. Despite the war cries emanating from the combatant parties, Arens insists that it is all not as bad as it might seem. To his mind there is more smoke than fire in this case.

"It is wrong to say that these two parties cannot coexist in one government in view of what has transpired this week," he says, in characteristically calm tones. He supports his assertion with numbers. "It's a distortion to say that Labour is all one colour on this. The lines are not clearly drawn at all along party lines. There are nine Labour ministers of whom three (Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev and Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin) oppose an inquiry. Peres does not really demand one. This makes four out of nine and this is not Labour's lightweight segment. The problem should not be presented as a dark and ugly confrontation between the Likud and Labour. Yigael Hurvitz, whose cabinet seat also comes out of the Labour quota, has also been outspoken in his opposition to an investigation."

"We have not reached a degree of acrimony that makes continued partnership in the same government impossible," Arens argues.

IN VIEW OF the uncharacteristic fury in Shamir's recent public pronouncements, *The Jerusalem Post* asked Arens if he is not as angry as Shamir about what is happening. "No, I did not say I am not angry. But I think we have not yet reached



Moshe Arens... "Sooner or later the public will appreciate what Shamir is doing." (IPPA)

the point of no return in this government where continued partnership is out of the question. I am angry about the attempt to frame Shamir. That there was such an attempt made for dubious reasons is undeniable. I always suspect the motives and purity of heart of those who rush to the foreign media," Arens says, and notes that Energy Minister Moshe Shalom "did run to the foreign press."

The latest twist in the frame-up, says Arens, is "to claim that Shamir himself framed an illustrious IDF hero, Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai. There was also an all-too-transparent attempt to introduce an ethnic element into this, capitalizing on the fact that Mordechai is a Sephardi. To the best of my knowledge, Shamir had no part in this."

"Besides," he adds, "let's keep a level head and a sense of proportion about this." He notes that Mordechai was not tried for murder or manslaughter, but for behaviour unbecoming an officer. Of course those who now want Shamir's head, and who claim they are taking up Mordechai's cause, were those who clamoured most loudly for Mordechai's head at the time."

But can the Likud really continue to work with such Labour ministers as Mordechai Gur, who pronounced that Shamir can never serve as a prime minister again? "So he said it. So what? It's Gur's inimitable style. It's not uncharacteristic to hear such outbursts from the man who warned Likud supporters in the 1981 elections that 'we will deal with you and lick you like we did the Arabs.' No statement of his can really shock," Arens says.

But what if Gur and like-minded Labourites refuse to serve under Shamir if rotation is implemented?

Will that not create a snowball effect that will be the government's undoing? Arens is not frightened. "I happen to think that Gur will not quit this government so long as staying in it will serve his best personal political interests. There are no problems of conscience here on his part. Besides, he knows that if he should quit, there will be a long line of Labourites eager to fill his vacancy."

THIS BRINGS us to a scenario Gur has drawn about vacancies in high places. Gur argues that since Shamir is no longer acceptable as premier, the Likud should decide on a replacement for him and perhaps the national unity government can continue under Likud leadership. Wagging tongues have even named Arens as that substitute premier.

Arens categorically dismisses this talk as "absurd and totally out of reality." The coalition agreement stipulates that only Peres and Shamir can serve as prime minister, with no substitutes. "Besides, no one in the Likud will replace Shamir. Labour has found the Likud very united on the entire issue. Perhaps if Shamir were really in trouble — if he were indeed guilty — there would be a distant logic to this talk of replacement. But this is just not the case," Arens argues.

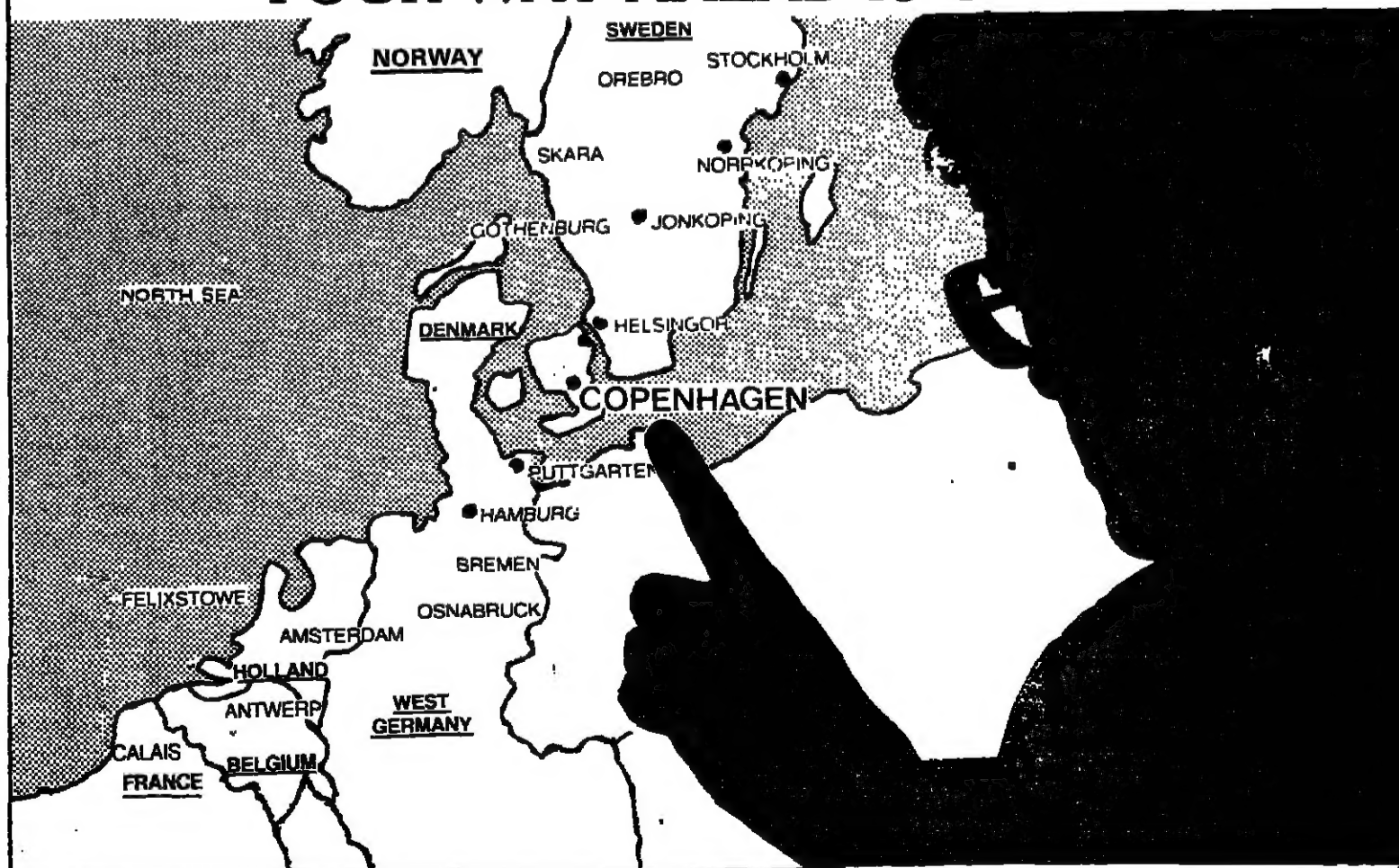
Notwithstanding the political fireworks exploding all around, Arens is sure that "there is no reason for this government to come apart. There is a clear majority against an inquiry commission and some Labour ministers are of this mind too, no matter how they finally cast their ballots. Others in Labour want to harp on this issue, but sooner or later the public will pass verdict on them and will say what it thinks of their motives."

Neither is Arens perturbed about what the High Court of Justice may rule. "The screamers will go on screaming, no matter what the court decides, but even if we suppose that it invalidated the immunity from prosecution which the president granted the GSS men, the screamers will face a problem. So far their argument was that it is safe to launch an inquiry since the GSS side is protected by the presidential immunity and only the political echelon is exposed. Should the immunity be invalidated, the rug will be pulled from under this argument," says Arens.

Arens notes that he is not privy to any possible give-and-take between Peres and Shamir, "but I am sure some formula can be arrived at based on the probe into the GSS methods already agreed upon last week. We will agree to such a deal only when we are absolutely convinced that it will not add any further injury to that already inflicted on the service which daily ensures our safety and security."

In the end, if Arens's predictions are borne out, this "worst-ever" coalition crisis too, like all its "worst-ever" predecessors, will die not with a bang but with a compromise.

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THE ARGUMENT with the Diaspora had to break sooner or later: "What is Israel doing with our money?" In the early, idealistic days when Jews arrived penniless to battle the swamp and desert, such questions were never asked.

Now that Israel is a big state accommodating 3.5 million Jews, not a few of whom live in air-conditioned apartments and drive luxury cars, donors legitimately wonder why they continue to be dunned for contributions. The child is surely grown up by now, how long must he be supported? Can't he provide for himself?

Up until a few years ago the answer was: "Your money doesn't support us, it supports the immigrants, that is, the Jews from your Diaspora who come to settle here. They cost US Israeli money, too, you can be sure of that. All we ask is that you share the expense."

To which the donors' reply was: "By all means, but where are the immigrants? More people are leaving the country than coming in nowadays."

True, immigration has shrunk. Donations have shrunk, too — though not in absolute terms. On the contrary they have increased appreciably, but they have diminished in proportion to Israel's total resources. In 1950 imports came to \$300m., and 90 per cent of that outlay was deficit. The Jewish Agency's budget (\$42m.) exceeded Israel's total exports (\$35m.).

Today, civilian imports alone (excluding arms shipments) reach \$14.4b., and \$12.1b. of that, or 85 per cent, is paid for by the country's exports. Institutional transfers — from the Agency and others — total \$540m. It is still a lot of money, but it only covers 3.75 per cent of the country's non-military imports. On the civilian side, at least, Israel is approaching self-sufficiency.

WE ARE talking about foreign cur-

rency. The donations from overseas are not intended to help Israel's balance of payments. They are directed at what America's tax laws describe as charities. What irks the donors is that they are helping us where we should be helping ourselves.

Israel is weaning itself from this dependence. Indeed, for one quarter this year the economy even produced surplus. But let's face it, only a single country in the world today, Japan, can say with certainty: "We don't need all the capital inflow we are getting; we can dispense with it permanently. Take it away, it serves no purpose."

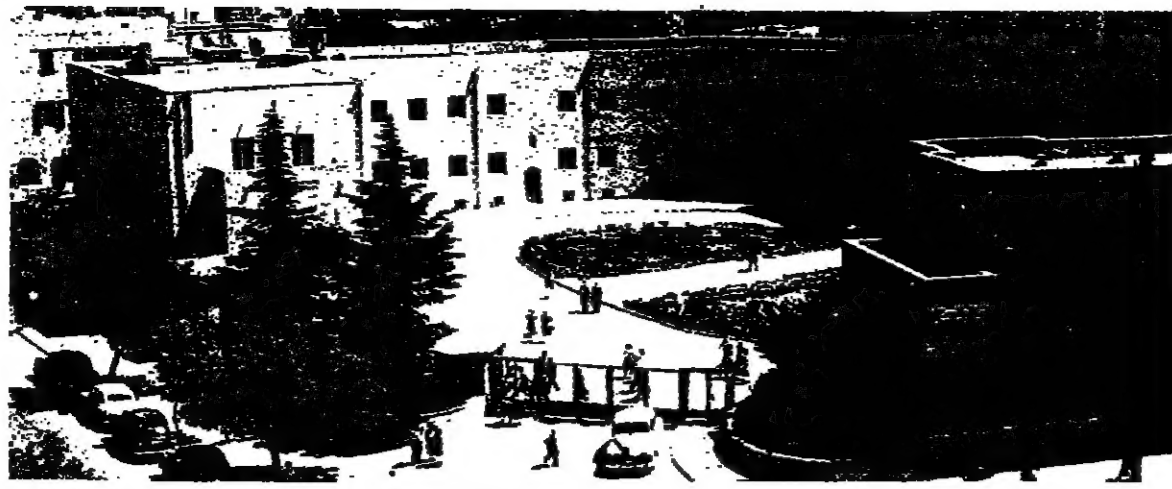
Israel needs to achieve self-sufficiency not only on the civilian side but also on the defence side. She cannot rely forever on military aid from Washington, she must build up enough foreign exchange earnings to pay both for all her civilian imports and for essential arms purchases as well.

That is of course Israel's reckoning of the need. The Agency looks at things differently. Its aim is to help good causes, notably the settlement of immigrants in Israel. The country's balance of payments benefits because most (not all) of the Agency's expenditures are in shekels, which it buys with dollars and, as it happens, the dollars are a help.

But does Israel still need the charities? On the face of it, the question is wrongly phrased. We should say: do the charities themselves need the money? The answer is: of course they do, which charity does not?

Fortunately or unfortunately the modern state is affected by everything that goes on within its borders. Israel is faced with the problem of inflation. The public sector is spending too much, and the public sector includes the Agency.

Consequently not all charitable expenditures, however deserving, should be welcomed. Foreign donors who want to scrutinize the



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Agency's expenditures will find willing partners among the Israeli recipients. Both sides will vex that August institution with the same stern inquiry: is your outlay really necessary?

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These queries should be made with deference because we do not want the Agency to stop spending. It

The key areas of expenditure are education, farming and immigration. DAVID KRIVINE reports.

would be nice if it could; if, that is, it handed over the cash to Israel's Treasury. But this is not feasible, as America's tax laws forbid the Agency to finance activities which the government is obliged to provide for, and they also forbid the transfer of charitable funds to the government.

Our (deferential) question should therefore be: has the Agency chosen charitable projects which are so important that if the Agency did not fund them somebody else would have to? With regard to some of the

outlays, the answer is an undisputable yes.

For example the Agency is budgeting \$44m. this year for higher education. The aid is imperative, and the universities would be damaged if they did not get it. This information should satisfy both the donors, who want to make sure that their contributions are performing an essential service, and Israel, which wants to make sure that expenditures are not inflationary.

What of other outlays? The Agency's two biggest departments are Immigration and Agricultural Settlement. They help people to come here, and afterwards help some of them to become farmers, nursing the young villages through their birth-pangs.

But things have changed lately. First of all, as mentioned at the beginning of this article, immigration has sagged. Second, and following on this first point, the vast majority of the settlements supported by the Agency — 187 to be precise — were founded before 1967. These "infant" villages are now twenty years old and more. Can they not be left now to the care and attention of

Israel's own Ministry of Agriculture?

Akiva Lewinsky, experienced and knowledgeable treasurer of the Agency, agrees that this phase must end. He intends within the next two years to divorce all old-time villages from dependence on his organization. But there is still an urgent job to be done, he points out.

Many of Israel's settlements are saddled with debts and face bankruptcy, a combined result of tougher competition now facing Israel's agriculture in world markets and the confusion and chaos that caused many unwary enterprises to entangle themselves financially during the late-lamented period of runaway inflation. The Agency proposes to refinance some of the cutthroat loans, to give the settlements a fair chance of survival.

That is an excellent objective, but the question arises — under these circumstances, does the Agency need the whole of the Agricultural Settlement Department with its numerous sub-sections and its 435 employees, a smaller replica of the country's Agriculture Ministry?

The department was necessary when 200 new villages were under its watch and ward, peopled by newcomers who did not know one end of a sapling from the other. But its battery of seasoned technicians and instructors and officials can scarcely be required just for the issue of consolidation loans.

THE AGENCY differs from the government departments in Israel in that it was designed to handle activities which are by definition impermanent. For historical reasons, the organization is unaware of that basic instability. Before 1948 it administered the affairs of the Jewish community in Palestine.

After 1948 that task was changed. From then on the mission of the Agency was to handle immigration, and that, too, was a big job. The

inflow of new settlers continued unabated — with all its ups and downs — until the end of the Seventies.

Today immigration is down. Moreover, the phase of land settlement in Israel is largely completed. The time has come to look again at the structure and functions of our veteran institution. The conclusion is not, it must be stressed, that the Agency is now superfluous. It is and remains vital as a link between Israel and the Diaspora. It must continue to encourage immigration and channel funds from friends abroad.

But it must be more flexible than any government department dares to be, because it must perpetually adapt its own organization, structure and work programme to the ever-changing role it has to play. It must shun institutional conservatism. It must undertake the exhausting process of zero-budgeting every year.

Does the Immigration Department need to employ 934 persons today (admittedly a drop from 1,473 last year)? Is the Youth Aliya Department (888 employees) required in its present form? Is the Education Department doing the things it should be doing at this moment?

If the Agency discards its prejudices, ignores its traditions and looks at each of its activities with fresh eyes; if it cuts superfluous outlays without mercy and redirects its funds exclusively to the kind of educational or social projects that are essential enough to be financed by the Treasury authorities out of money they don't have — it would be rendering an exceptional service to the people and state of Israel.

The Agency would then be accomplishing two tasks instead of one: helping the Jewish settlers in Israel to improve their lot, and allowing the Israeli government to reduce or possibly even eliminate the disastrous deficit-budgeting and consequent money-printing practices that are the sole causes of the country's current economic paralysis.

'The funds should stay where they're raised'

LIKUD MK Yoram Aridor believes that the hour is long overdue, for a fundraising revolution.

Aridor, 53, a former Likud finance minister, and a lawyer by profession, studied social sciences as well as law. Since leaving the Finance Ministry, he has played a big role in the Knesset Finance Committee. In balance-sheet terms, he knows the relative weight of Diaspora fundraising within Israel's overall revenues.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that he wants to change that balance. "All moneys raised in the Diaspora by the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal should be spent solely on Jewish and Zionist educational work in the Diaspora."

"The *Magbit* (Appeal) money should stay where it was raised. The State of Israel should do without it. I know, on the basis of my information, that Israel can take care of its financial problems without these Appeal funds. I thought so when I was finance minister, and I still think so today."

Aridor contends that whatever economic, national and spiritual advantages Israel has gained from the inflow of Appeal moneys, would be far outweighed by the advantage gained if they were diverted in their entirety to Jewish and Zionist educational work in the Diaspora.

Under the present situation, he

notes, only about half the money comes to Israel. However, the other half which remains on the spot is not earmarked for Jewish and Zionist education only, as it should be. Some of it even pays for projects which cater to non-Jews.

"My proposal would make relations between the Diaspora and Israel better, healthier. At the same time, it would cost the Israeli state budget a mere two per cent of its revenue," he said.

Aridor revealed that, while serving as finance minister, he had raised his idea through official channels several times with some of the people concerned, but had never made his idea public.

Their reaction was not very favourable, to put it mildly. But in any case I had no intention of going to the media with the idea, until *The Jerusalem Post* approached me," he said.

"Since I left the Finance Ministry in 1983 I have not dealt with the idea, and I have no intention of crusading for it now, especially as I am not involved in Zionist-Diaspora relations."

ARIDOR STRESSED that he feels, and felt, no resentment towards Diaspora Jewish leaders for having blackballed a proposal to appoint him Jewish Agency treasurer some time ago. "When it comes to the

Asher Wallfish interviews former finance minister Yoram Aridor, who argues that whatever benefits Israel gains from the inflow of Appeal money would be outweighed if the funds were diverted to Jewish education in the Diaspora.

disqualification of Israeli candidates for posts, by Diaspora leaders, I am in good company. Not just for treasurer, for department heads as well. But the incident didn't upset me personally," he said.

"Appeal moneys coming to Israel total something around \$400 million annually, roughly speaking. Nevertheless, some Diaspora leaders seem to have an impression as though this amount of money conveys a right to dictate World Zionist Organization policies. I reject that notion," Aridor said.

"Cabinet ministers visit Diaspora communities and help Appeal campaigns raise the money. In fact they are the principal collectors. These ministers would undoubtedly be glad to know that the money they help collect stays where it is and is put to good use," he said.

"But regrettably, in the present state of affairs, wealthy donors, or *gavronim* as we used to call them, try to determine the policy of the WZO by indirect means."

"I advocate cooperation between Zionist leaders in Israel and Diaspora Jewish leaders. But I also favour more democratization in the WZO. I do not say by any means,

that Diaspora leaders residing abroad and helping Israel from there, should have no influence. At the same time, the weight of financial donations should not be heavier than the weight of democracy, and it should not take priority over the Zionist outlook as I see it," Aridor said.

"Naturally a person who donates money out of his own pocket can determine to what purpose it is put. But he does not have the right to determine the purposes to which the money of other donors should be devoted," Aridor said.

"Today there is growing interference from the Diaspora, not only with respect to the use of donation moneys, but also with respect to the work of the WZO, and the substance of its message," he said.

WHILE CALLING for closer cooperation between Zionist leaders in Israel, and Diaspora leaders, Aridor took pains to laud the cooperation which Israel enjoyed with the Presidents Conference in the United States, and its constituent bodies, as well as the World Jewish Congress.

"Perhaps the Presidents Conference criticized Israel from time to

time, but it does not consider itself authorized to make rulings for Israel, or make decisions in place of Israel," Aridor said.

"I don't disallow the right of a Jew in the Diaspora, or the representative of a Diaspora Jewish body, to express opinions concerning Israel, including on domestic Israeli issues. I am not one of those who say they should hold their peace unless and until they make aliya," he said.

"But they would do well to maintain a personal self-monitoring code, on whose basis they would decide when to express views privately, and when publicly," Aridor said.

"If my idea to alter the fundraising principle took shape, there would be no reason why Israeli cabinet ministers should travel less to the Diaspora to speak at fundraising events. Nowadays, in any case, they don't go on behalf of their own departmental spheres. They go to speak for the broader cause," he said.

Aridor admits he finds it hard to believe that his idea would be accepted, partly because bodies which receive Appeal money today would have to give it up, and get it from elsewhere. Projects in Israel



Yoram Aridor

(Yossi Zamir)

which are not yet completed would have to be completed with state budget funds. "It is always hard to alter any traditional institutionalized arrangement, especially where money is involved, and especially if it is found to be convenient," he said.

"The Israel state budget would have to fund Project Renewal, which should not suffer from the change I propose in fundraising. But the \$45m. it cost this year can be found from the state budget. And addition-

al involvement by Diaspora communities should be still encouraged, since it is desirable, and not only permissible," Aridor said.

"It is not only institutions in Israel which would object to my proposal to leave all Appeal money abroad. Some Diaspora communities might object as well. For them, too, convenience is a possible calculation. But they would simply have to learn to think along new lines: how to amass funds solely for their own needs, not for the needs of Israel."

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Israel and the dollars from the Diaspora

A budget system that is flexible and does the job

Pinhas Landau / Finance Reporter

JEWIS LIKE to argue about most things, and very often they can descend to the "don't confuse me with the facts" attitude, turning a reasoned discussion into hurling slogans at each other. In the context of the debate about what Israeli Jews do with American and other Diaspora Jews' dollars, this danger exists — but there is no objective excuse for it.

In terms of actually knowing where the money comes from and where it goes, the Jewish Agency is among the most praiseworthy institutions around. It has a budgetary process that includes planning the outline and then the details well before the start of the fiscal year. The general budget and its departmental breakdown are presented in a clear and comprehensible manner — and it retains sufficient flexibility to allow for major alterations during the year. This last point is very important for the agency because planners never know what items will crop up, mainly on the expenditure side, due to an influx of immigrants, or a war, to cite two recent examples.

All this should be compared to the comparable budgeting process of

other Israeli institutions, notably our esteemed government, which until last year presented at least one supplementary budget each year as a matter of course, and continues to determine its revenues by retroactive tax legislation passed in the course of the fiscal year.

Whether the agency's efficiency in this respect is due to the influence of the Americans and other foreigners, or to other factors, it comes as a breath of fresh air in the Israeli quasi-governmental environment. To say that you don't know what's going on is almost to admit laziness, at least at the overall budget level.

The other very impressive thing about the Jewish Agency budget is that it is balanced. That does not mean the sort of balanced budget achieved by shooting the arrow first and then drawing the bull's-eye round it. Rather, agency planners figure out how much income they can expect and then refuse to allow spending to run beyond that.

Furthermore, not only does the agency not finance expenditure by borrowing, it is engaged in a protracted and successful effort to reduce its indebtedness. Over the past three years, Treasurer Aliva Lewinsky told *The Post* this week, the agency has retired \$150m worth of debt, and he speaks of maintaining the momentum and going on to get rid of another \$150m.

Not that the agency has difficulty borrowing — quite the opposite. Its credit rating is in fact very good. But the long-term approach that Lewinsky has instituted was to tighten up the deficit financing and its corollary, a growing debt burden, that he found when he became treasurer eight years ago. Doubtless,



Leaving France for Palestine in 1946 under Youth Aliya.

the very high dollar interest rates of 1979-82 helped convince him of the importance of this task. In any event, the agency is no longer weighed down by the expense of servicing its own debts, and its income is freed for other, more constructive uses.

AND SO to the budget itself. The recently-authorized operating budget for 1986/7 is built on an

expected income of \$381m. Expenditure is therefore limited to that sum. What will happen in practice remains, of course, to be seen, but the table shows very clearly that last year was the only one of the last four years in which there was a deficit, and even that amounted to only 2 per cent of the total budget, and was covered by the previous year's surplus.

This year's projected figures are a

full 10 per cent below last year's provisional budget totals. This reflects much lower spending on immigration and absorption and on higher education, as well as reduced receipts from the Israeli and U.S. governments — the latter being the mirror image of the former, since the American money is for refugee resettlement and varies directly with the number of refugees arriving in any given year. In the year after "Operation Moses", a drop was inevitable.

On the income side, the dominant item is the income received from the United Israel Appeal, notably the Keren Hayesod represents the money collected in countries other than the U.S., and its \$70m is split between the agency and the WZO, with the agency receiving \$41m. The Project Renewal budget of \$48m. is entirely separate from the regular budget of the agency, as is the \$59m. budget of the WZO.

Thus the apparent discrepancy between the size of the agency's budget, of \$381m., and the item in the Israeli government's budget of \$540m. entitled "National Institutions" can be resolved quite easily. To the \$381m. must be added \$48m. for Project Renewal, \$59m. for the WZO, \$20-25m. for the Keren Kayemet's income via the Israel Lands Administration and so on, and about \$10m. for the running of Keren Hayesod's operations in Israel and abroad.

There is also a \$17m. item in the agency budget, to cover interest payments by the UJA on loans taken in the U.S. This is deducted from the gross contributions of the UJA and is not included in the agency's projected income.

LOOKING at the figures over the last five years, one is struck by the relative stability of some items, notably the level of UJA contributions. "Other receipts", and the level of the Israel government grant have both fallen significantly, while the special appeal that accompanied the Lebanon War naturally faded out in 1983-85.

Expenditure, too, finds items whose levels remain fairly stable, such as rural settlement, Youth Aliya, housing and — most interestingly for the Agency's critics — finance and administration. On the other hand, the key swing item is obviously immigration and absorption, where the rise and fall of Ethiopian aliyah since 1983 is plainly pictured in the money spent each year.

INCOME—In millions of U.S. dollars

	1982/3	1983/4	1984/5	1985/6	1986/7
United Israel Appeal	268	260	303	309	298
Operation Moses				37	21
Keren Hayesod	67	60	61	65	70
to Jewish Agency	29	28	37	35	41
to WZO	37	32	24	30	29
Special Appeal	50	17	10	-	-
Israel govt. grant	40	43	29	36	15
Other Receipts	25	26	21	20	17
TOTAL	422	382	410	420	381

EXPENDITURE

	1982/3	1983/4	1984/5	1985/6	1986/7
Immigration/Absorption	47	56	73	88	52
Additional Immigration Budget					15
Additional Absorption Budget					20
Rural settlement	60	55	63	68	72
Youth Aliya	50	50	56	59	52
Higher Education	111	86	73	81	44
Interest	43	33	33	44	35
Debt retirements	27	30	9	10	
Finance administration	13	13	13	14	13
Total	417	381	397	428	381

The additional budgets set aside for this year, \$15m. for immigration and \$20m. for absorption, represent a built-in insurance policy in case the budget's pessimistic assumptions about aliyah levels this year turn out to be wrong (everyone would be very happy if they did). If more olim arrive, from wherever, there will be money to help them without resort to extra campaigns. Conversely, if no more come than envisaged, the money will not be frittered away through the regular budget — it will not be spent.

This is the case with the \$15m. The \$20m. contingency sum for absorption is already being utilized in part, since the agency has responded to the government's plea of poverty and agreed to help out in such absorption-related fields as housing and mortgage assistance.

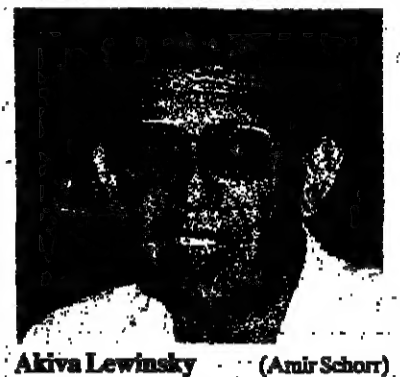
The other expense item showing a sharp drop over the years is higher education, whose 1986/7 projected level is only 40 per cent of its record 1982-83 level when the agency took over part of the government's role in

this field, under the impact of the Lebanon War.

None of these figures, nor all of them together, answer the questions of whether the money is being well-spent, efficiently used — or even efficiently collected and distributed. There is ample scope for a range of views on the pros and cons of almost every individual item on the list, and the more detailed subdivisions of the major sectors of income and expenditure.

What they do do, and what the agency budget procedure as developed under Lewinsky has achieved, is to give a clear picture of who gave how much and who spent what. That would seem to be a fair basis for the real debate regarding how the money is raised and spent, whether it should be distributed according to the current pattern or some alternative one, and whether the whole operation, or its various constituent parts, is worthwhile.

These are the main Expenditure and Income items but do not comprise the totals.



Akiva Lewinsky (Amir Schorr)

HELEN AND JOE Berman of Toronto spent their Passover in Israel this year. But unlike other tourists, they came with a remarkable determination to find a charitable project which would speak to them personally and make an impact on needy families.

The day after they arrived, Joe Berman called me from his hotel room, mentioned reading my book, *Giving Wisely* (on non-profit organizations in Israel), and asked if we could get together.

Our first breakfast at the King David Hotel was a delightful get-acquainted session. Helen and Joe spoke movingly of people they had helped in the past, and especially about the network of cottages and the summer camp they established for retarded and brain-damaged Jewish children in Canada. Helen's husband, Joe, brought a good, business-like accountability approach to his philanthropic interests, and the two of them together made a rare team.

At the end of our meeting, I

The personal touch

Ehezzer Jaffe

mentioned a number of possible projects that seemed relevant to their interests, trying to serve as honest broker matching their needs as donors to the needs of various non-profit organizations which fill a gap in Israeli social services.

One of the many areas I suggested was the need for providing more homemaker services to families (primarily mothers) of brain-damaged infants and young children, including Downs syndrome children. Many mothers of these children are emotionally and physically exhausted from caring for their children, and municipal funding does not enable them to obtain enough help to ease the tremendous burden during the first three years of care. More services are available for these families

when the children are older; then the National Insurance and Ministry of Education become more actively involved.

This subject greatly aroused the Berman's interest, and I offered to set up a meeting with the heads of the Matav Homemaker Service Association in Jerusalem so that they could explain the situation firsthand.

TWO DAYS later, *hol-hamo'ed* Passover, the Berman's met Matav's Sarah Azriel and Rachel Doron, heard about current needs for brain-damaged infants, and obtained detailed replies to excellent questions.

When we finished our breakfast meeting, the Berman's asked Matav to prepare a written Proposal for a

project, for discussion three days hence.

Three days later, Matav had prepared a simple, down-to-earth proposal for guaranteeing homemaker service to every needy family in Jerusalem with a brain damaged infant for the next five years. There was a maximum plan and a minimum plan, as Matav had no idea how much the Berman's were willing to help out. I helped Matav to frame the data on needs, presentation of the cost per child, and suggested ways of providing proper accountability regarding administration of the grant, should it be obtained.

The third meeting (breakfast again) involved a beautiful presentation of the proposal by Azriel and Doron, and discussion of details requested by the Berman's, who made pertinent suggestions.

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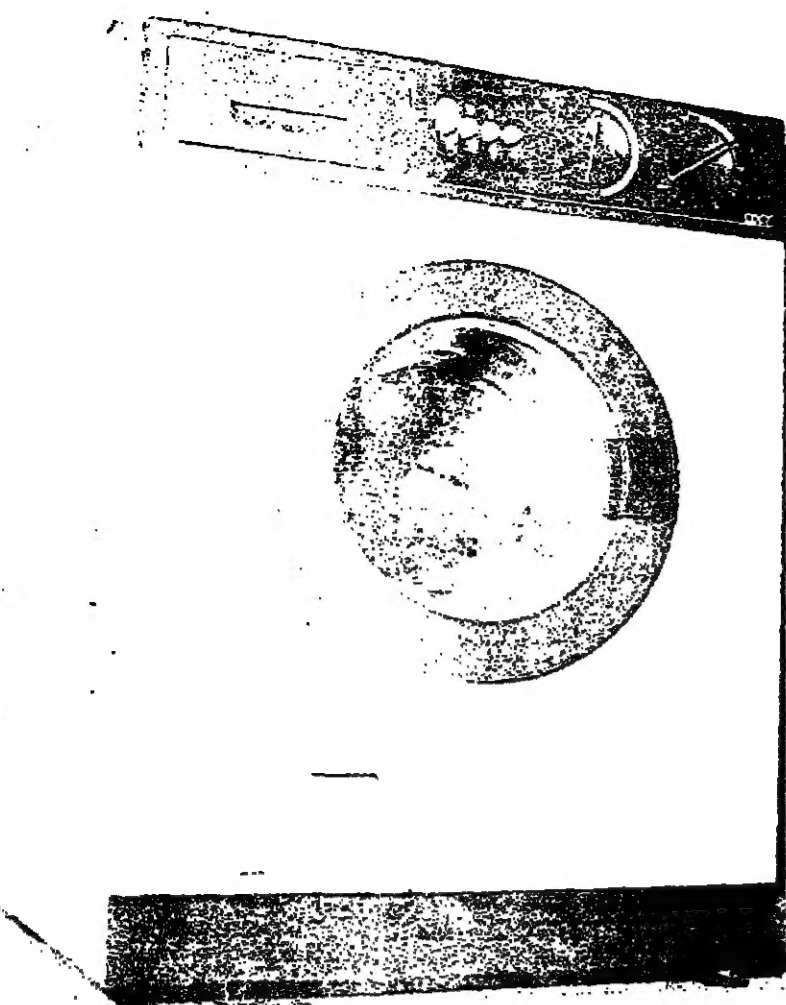
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SOMEONE should call in a mechanic to repair our faulty national washing machine. No one has emerged entirely without stains from the too public laundering of our collective dirty linen in the General Security Service affair - whether President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, ex-GSS chief Avraham Shalom or Attorney-General Yosef Harish. It's said that the Israeli public is unequally divided into three groups: those who only see the stains; those who see only clean linen; and those who refuse to be told that the national washing machine has any faults. And then there's the question of where Shamir was when the lights went out.

MANY INSIDERS argue that the presidency need not have been involved had Peres not dithered for so long. While some insiders claim that workaholic Peres's over-burdened agenda leaves him too little time for reflection on the consequences of his actions, or rather inaction, others argue that his passion for seeking consensus was seriously misplaced in the GSS affair. The unfortunate result was the projection of the image of Peres as the national ditherer. Some intimate critics say Peres has parted ways from emulating David Ben-Gurion, becoming instead a Levi Eshkol.

ONE MIGHT be excused for discerning a kind of judgment on Yitzhak Shamir in the wave of nostalgia currently sweeping the political community for former prime minister Menachem Begin and his uncompromising cleaving to the letter of the law. It has even included Mapam Party whip Chaima Grossman, judging from her speech in the Knesset no-confidence motion debate.

PRESIDENTIAL spokesman Ami Gluska told me that the Beit Hanassi speechboard has been loaded with hundreds of calls favouring the

amnesty move. They also received a wave of supportive telegrams and letters from people such as a number of prominent jurists, Israel Prize laureate Prof. Binjamin Mazar, ex-MK Mathilda Ghez and Ramat Hasharon council chairman Moshe Werbin. Gluska said only a tiny minority was against.

RAM CASPI must be a top-notch lawyer to have earned Peres's confidence in handling the GSS and Pollard cases, but he urgently needs TV counselling to judge by his Friday night *Mabat* appearance when he looked like a B-movie "heavy."

SOMEONE SHOULD tell Shamir that the "supreme national security interest" he's always brandishing as a shield against calls for an inquiry commission, also includes the IDF and Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai. Otherwise he may be accused of still seeing things through the prism of his years with the Mossad. Some Likudniks say the loudest sound in party discussions is the resounding silence of Deputy Premier David Levy and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

WONDER WHAT'S been the effect on schoolchildren studying courses in democracy of this week's "enrichment" of their vocabulary by terms used in ministerial exchanges like "hypocrite," "sweet-lips," "demagogue," "gangsters," etc. And one should not forget Shamir's particularly innovative borrowing from zoology ("barking newsmen").

THE LIKUD leader topped himself by labelling Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman as "Sherlock Holmes," for his search for an inquiry commission, which even took him to Beit Hanassi. The attack certainly bolstered Ezer's popularity among Labour and its allies, where they're calling him "keeper of the national conscience."

LIKUD MK Benny Shalit's question: "Where was Energy Minister Moshe Shahal when Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai stood alone?" remains unanswered as Peres's would-be heir continues waving the IDF hero as a kind of personal banner.

IN ALL the flurry, few paid attention to the quiet urging of people like Shlomo Gazit, ex-army intelligence chief and current Jewish Agency director-general, to institutionalize the rules governing the GSS after all these years. And people say the best person to do this is ex-chief Yosef Harish.

IF PERES thought that by shifting Yitzhak Moda'i sideways from the Treasury to the Justice Ministry he was reducing his trouble-making capacity, he should by now be having second thoughts. Moda'i let Peres really have it this week ("On economics he may be the expert, but on law he's a know-nothing"). Liberals say he's angry at the way his adversaries, Tourism Minister Avraham Shari and Science Minister Gideon Patt have stonewalled his quickie merger with Herut, which would have made him No. 2 in a united Likud. Things should be quieter next week with Moda'i off to London and Patt flying to West Germany.

AS WE celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Entebbe rescue mission, it's worth remembering that the loudest voice of condemnation belonged to then U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who denounced "Israel's aggression."

ISRAEL is still recovering from the Mexico Mundial mania. As ex-MK Zalman Shoval told Japanese Charge d'Affaires Shojiro Imanishi at his party for the Yamaha wonderkind, the Alignment Knesset faction's suspension of its heated GSS affair discussion to allow MKs to see the World Cup games on TV, "shows we've finally become a normal people with the right priorities." During

the Knesset Finance Committee's midweek discussion of the Israel Broadcasting Authority budget, Herutnik Gideon Gadot recommended "adding one symbolic agora in appreciation of TV's superb job during the Mundial."

UNTIL NOW, Kibbutz Alumot's main claim to fame has been having Sonya and Shimon Peres among its founders. Hearing that the current ex-Argentine majority decided to make football superstar Diego Armando Maradona an honorary kibbutznik, I phoned the Lower Galilee kibbutz. I gather it's a point of kibbutz contention - Yehuda in the dining-room treated the notion sourly, while Argentine-born soccer enthusiast Danny Glusman, whom I caught on the cowed extension, told me: "It's a joke that got out of hand."

FORMER Argentinians celebrated in Herzliya at the party of Sharon Hotel's Argentine-born general manager Rodolfo Kohn (a former Alumot kibbutznik) with Ambassador Alberto Felipe Dumont, while West German diplomats joined Ambassador Wilhelm Haas in the party at embassy press counsellor Hans-Peter Karl's Tel Aviv penthouse.

THE ISRAEL Cancer Association's annual fund-raising dinner did well despite competing with the World Cup final, as president Suzie Eban and chairman John Furman told guests around the Dan Panorama hotel pool, who included U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering and his wife Alice, Esther Rubis and Alec and Dalia Lerner. Mrs. Eban, now in her 25th year as ICA president, told me the benefit raised \$200,000 for this year's Bellinson Hospital cancer project. She thanked Judith Hirsch from the podium for sponsoring the evening, and with chairman Furman sent a message for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Matti Recanat, a long-time

ICA benefactor. She also thanked hotel owners Yekutiel and Shmuel Feldman and families for their help.

SUZIE flew back earlier that day with hubbie, Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Abba Eban from London where he addressed the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association, attended by such glittering names as the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl of Beborough, Baroness Elliot, Lady Young, Lords Sieff, Weidenfeld and Wiggles. "When the Archbishop told me how much he enjoyed the *Heritage* TV series and book, I begged him not to say it too loud lest I get into trouble with the rabbis," Eban related.

IT'S DOUBTFUL whether the serried ranks of Jewish Agency functionaries at last week's assembly headed Anatoly Shcharansky's words about Soviet immigrants' anger at a hard-headed bureaucracy. He's done wonders dodging politicians' grasping hands and - a friend told me - once he's completed his memoirs, Dr. Shcharansky will take up a Hebrew University scholarship to refresh his knowledge of mathematics and physics. Incidentally, H.U.'s first woman Vice-Chairman, World Wizo President Raya Jaglom, revealed that thanks to her H.U. student certificate she managed to escape from Romania and come on aliya in April 1940.

YESTERDAY was the first U.S. Independence Day party conducted at the Herzliya residence by the ninth American ambassador, Thomas Pickering and his wife Alice, to which as usual the entire establishment turned out. It was also a kind of huge farewell party for popular media counsellor Arthur Berger and his wife Barbara, soon to return to Washington. The gathering was held yesterday instead of this evening because of Sabbath sensibilities.

No need for nurses

LAUGHING IT OFF/Ya'acov Friedler

THE SOLUTION to the nursing crisis is so obvious as to be virtually self-evident. It is therefore quite amazing that the giant brains in the ministry, which work night and day to provide us with better health, haven't thought of it. The idea springs from what they themselves do for those of us in need of a heart or liver transplant.

We approach the ministry and get a chit reading "Bearer needs a heart/liver (delete the one that doesn't apply) transplant, but writer can't afford to provide it," or words to that effect.

The chit's enough. It somehow empowers you to start a public fund to get you to Pittsburgh for surgery once you raise the \$100,000 or whatever it may be. Then off you go, accompanied if the fund's big enough, by various members of your family, a doctor and other characters to make up your entourage. *Lab-r-i-u*. Everybody's happy, including the contributors who get the good feeling of having helped a fellow Jew in need.

Is there any reason to restrict this genius - class scheme, which costs the government nothing unless you count the expense of writing chits, only to hearts and livers?

Of course not. Everybody who's sick can go abroad for treatment, all you need is the chit to set your funds rolling.

Not every ache and pain, however,

er, need take you to Pittsburgh. Nicotia springs to mind for, say, a nosebleed. It will cost even less if you sail to this neighbouring island and the sea air will do your nose a lot of good too.

Very soon we'll be able to close all the hospitals and employ the nurses and doctors to write chits only, a much less taxing occupation for which they won't charge as much.

Yes, but what about the maternity wards? Isn't that obvious too? You pop over to Cairo, where they've certainly got the necessary experience and it'll cost you so little that your fund will cover twins at least, if not triplets, if you're the kind who doesn't like travel that much.

Nor is there any reason why we shouldn't extend this scheme to other fields of our national endeavours. Send the kids to be educated in Eton, which will make the schools unnecessary. Why *davka* Eton? Because when donations pay for education, nothing's too good.

THE OPPORTUNITIES are endless, and very soon the civil service will be able to do the really important things, like inventing self-destruct bus shelters, buying up rocky soil in the West Bank for luxurious settlements that will go bankrupt for lack of livelihoods, establishing more and bigger yeshivot, and generally concentrate on paper work, which civil servants should.

THE ACCIDENT that shook the world happened early in the morning of April 26, deep in rural Ukraine.

Farmers and their families slept peacefully as, inside the familiar bulk of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, an engineer altered the position of the rods that controlled the station's radioactive core.

There was a moment of human error followed by a sudden surge of power. The reactor's uranium fuel became dangerously hot and an enormous explosion sent radioactive smoke billowing into the air.

The rest - the anti-nuclear riots, the pollution of parts of Europe, the deaths and injuries - are history. But they remain deeply imbedded in the mind of the man responsible for Israel's energy policy.

"It was the worst possible scenario," said Energy Minister Moshe Shahal. "It underlined for all of us that in the matter of nuclear energy, safety is the top priority."

The minister is well aware that Chernobyl was a rude awakening and that Israel is not immune to the aftermath.

Suddenly, in a country where nuclear policy was of major interest only to scientists and small bands of partisans, both for and against, the issue becomes front page news.

At a recent debate at the Hebrew University, an expert raised the spectre of a terror attack against an atomic power station. Half the populations of Haifa and Tel Aviv would go down with radiation sickness, said Professor Eshel Ben Ya'acov of Tel Aviv University.

At the same event Prof. Amos Neta of the Technion raised another spectre - that of a non-nuclear Israel left behind in the technological dark ages as the rest of the world forges ahead.

Perspective on Chernobyl

There is no alternative to nuclear energy in the near future, says Energy Minister Moshe Shahal in an interview with The Post's Bernard Josephs

BOTH ARGUMENTS weigh heavily with the minister and his advisers as they consider the future. Shahal stresses that no final decision has been made in either direction.

But time is running out and there seems to be a clear drift towards going nuclear.

"The decision-making process will be exhaustive," said Shahal. "The question has been on our agenda for the past 20 years and we are now at a stage where we must have a final decision some time within the next two."

"We have an option on two more coal-fired power stations that must be taken up by around the end of 1988. If we decide to go for nuclear power we won't need them."

Even if a decision is made within this time-frame, stressed the minister, an atomic plant will not be operational before the end of the century. In any case, Israel has still not found a supplier for the technology.

AT PRESENT the ministry's planners are working along two parallel lines. The first is to search for a vendor willing to sell an atomic power station at a reasonable price. This presently centres on our relations with the French.

Said Shahal: "After the National Unity Government was elected we began a dialogue with France about buying a plant from them. We got a positive reply from the political level and began negotiating on details such as price and financing. Then, in the run-up to their elections, the French stopped the negotiations."

Since then, he went on, there have been renewed contacts between the two sides, and France has indicated that it is willing to resume talks. "We are now waiting to hear about the details," said Shahal.

The second possibility being considered - and rapidly gaining popularity in the ministry - is for Israeli scientists to join their European counterparts in the development of small, so-called cluster reactors.

These have the advantage, say the experts, of being one third the size of a conventional reactor and they are much safer.

The minister recently announced that he was willing to spend some \$50 million over the next 10 years to aid research into small reactors by Israeli scientists working both here and abroad. "It's something like a peaceful Star Wars project," said one of his aides.

Shahal stressed that even when the technology becomes available,



(Jerusalem Post)

the final decision on whether to go ahead will be a lengthy one.

First, he said, the ministry would present its recommendations to the cabinet. Then the cabinet's decision would be reviewed, probably by the Knesset Finance and Energy Committees.

This would be followed by consideration of the site by the National Planning Council, made up of government, and local government representatives, as well as pressure groups. And that would not be the end of the process.

Although we have no legal obligation to do so, I believe that on such an issue we would have to win the support of the general public," explained the minister.

"They are entitled to know what is going on. So the whole matter would again be reviewed by a combined body made up of members of all the Knesset committees and finally the issue would probably be debated at the Knesset plenum."

DESPITE CHERNOBYL, despite the U.S. freeze on new atomic plants and the growing world-wide opposition to nuclear power, Shahal said he was personally convinced that there

was no alternative but to press ahead.

He said: "It is true that Chernobyl was the worst possible scenario. But we have no intention of building that type of reactor here."

"We are considering completely different plants and safety measures. The most important thing is that there is no alternative to nuclear energy in the near future."

"Other countries certainly recognize this. In France, for instance, they are going ahead with their programme and there is even competition between the mayors to have an atomic plant in their town."

Israel could supply all its electricity needs without nuclear power, admitted the minister. But this was not the whole object of the exercise. The aim, he said, was to diversify sources of energy and end the situation in which 98 per cent of our power depends on imported fuel.

ISRAEL'S precarious security situation certainly poses problems for nuclear plants, said Shahal, and a lot of money will have to be spent ensuring that reactors are attack-proof.

But he said: "The cost of security and of building such a plant is one of many questions with which we still have to deal."

"Then there is the knowledge that an accident can involve a large area and affect people in a way that may not become apparent for a number of years. It is certainly very human to be scared of something like this."

Reassuring the public, he went on, depended on telling them the truth and hiding nothing. "If they can understand the safety measures taken, I am sure they will be satisfied. And I can assure you of this: if nuclear power comes to Israel, safety will be top priority."

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Ten years after Entebbe, a kibbutz couple among the hostages tell how they were separated by the hijackers of the airliner and of their hopes and fears before they were rescued in the daring IDF operation.

JONATHAN KARP reports.

The holiday that became a nightmare

WHILE MOST of the hostages at Entebbe hoped they would not be selected for the "separation" of Israelis from the rest of the passengers, Jeanette Almog wanted to volunteer to go with the Israelis.

Jeanette, who was travelling with both an American and Israeli passport, recalled that when the hijackers separated the Israelis and those with "obvious" Jewish names from the rest of the Air France passengers, they kept all the families together.

But due to an oversight, they did not call Jeanette after they told her Israeli husband, Ezra, to move into an adjoining room. Before Ezra left he "told me to keep my mouth shut - this time; and not to offer or volunteer my services," she said. "The Israelis understood this was pressure time."

Ezra's logical advice failed to register with Jeanette. "I didn't really understand what was going on, and it was too emotional. My first need was to get back to him and finish out whatever this was together, because I felt I really couldn't do it alone."

But she did not approach the hijackers as one of the "shmatzy" Hollywood movies shows her doing. Instead she sought comfort from the woman sitting next to her, Dora Bloch.

"I broke down and got hysterical, and it was awful," Jeanette remembered. "She really held me. She was wonderful...and then they called Dora."

Shortly afterwards, the calling stopped, and Jeanette's abandonment seemed complete.

In the room where the Israeli passengers were being held, Bloch approached Ezra and told him he should tell the hijackers that his wife was out in the terminal alone. Ezra objected, saying that the Israelis were obviously in more danger and that he would not risk her life. A heated argument ensued, attracting the attention of one of the hijackers.

Only when the hijacker persuasively pointed his gun at him did Ezra explain. "I had to," Ezra said. "I knew it wasn't good for Jeanette, but...I saw that he would not give up."



Jeanette and Ezra Almog, photographed by Karp. On the right is how Dry Bones saw the rescue at the time.

When the two were reunited, they sat and cried together. For Jeanette, it was just another opportunity to open the flood gates. As she recently recounted the week's events, one detail accompanied almost every description: "And I cried and I cried and I cried." For the impassive, confident Ezra, however, the reunion with his wife was the only time he shed a tear.

TEN YEARS later, Jeanette, 37, and Ezra, 45, think about their Entebbe experience in terms of the tragedies - particularly the deaths of Bloch and Pasco Cohen - but also in terms of the ironies.

Initially, their kibbutz, Ein Dor, had voted down their request to visit Jeanette's parents in Wisconsin. Then on the day they were finally allowed to leave, a kibbutz member casually wished them a "happy hijacking" and asked if he could inherit their reel-to-reel tape player in the event something happened to them.

Looking through an album of photographs and newspaper clippings in their kibbutz home, Jeanette removed and unfolded a bitter-sweet souvenir - a "Uganda Duty Free Shop" bag - which she saved from the one time the hostages were allowed "out" to buy toiletries and basic supplies.

One of the cruellest ironies,

As Dry Bones saw it



Jeanette maintained, was Air France's attitude towards them after the rescue. Still shaken from the affair but determined to see her parents as soon as possible, Jeanette and Ezra flew Air France just a week after their rescue. The airline would not transfer their tickets to another carrier, and actually wanted to charge them more for changing their flight dates. "They were unbelievable!" Jeanette said.

THE ALMOGS were the only kibbutzniks among those rescued at Entebbe. That alone is not a mark of distinction, but the community dynamic of Ein Dor made Jeanette and Ezra's plight a collec-

tive concern. The kibbutz even documented their return with a 30-minute video that combined interviews immediately after the rescue and again a few years later with footage from the celebration and scenes from the Israeli feature-length version of the hijacking.

Their exhilaration upon landing at Ben-Gurion Airport was uncontrollable. "It broke the dam for me," Jeanette said. "I realized that I was home and safe...and I cried and I cried and I cried."

A few Ein Dor members went to the airport hoping that Jeanette and Ezra were not among the casualties. Jeanette leapt on Yehiel Tzadok, the first familiar face she spotted, and

gave him a hug tight enough to stop his circulation.

When they returned to the kibbutz, which sits opposite Mount Tabor, their car was led through the gate by white-shirted kibbutzniks riding on horseback. They stepped onto a sidewalk painted to resemble a red carpet.

The kibbutz documentary repeated three times a slow-motion scene showing two members greeting Jeanette with flowers. Heavy organ-like synthesizer music enhanced the lachrymose scene. And Jeanette cried and cried and cried.

THOUGH THEY reacted differently throughout the course of the week at Entebbe, the Almogs agreed that the separation and the rescue had left the most vivid memories.

After a few days as a hostage, Ezra had dismissed the idea of Israeli military action, though he knew that the Israel Defence Forces had several plans. When he did think about the military solution, he expected the navy rather than the air force, figuring that an agreement between Israel and Kenya would allow IDF troops to cross Lake Victoria.

The moment the Israelis were freed from the terminal, "I started running in the direction of the lake, which was about 500 metres away," Ezra said. "It's good that there were a few soldiers there to direct us to the plane."

"He saw the soldiers come in, and he was ecstatic," Jeanette recalled. "I saw them come in, and I was complete unaware. My feelings about it came much, much later."

"I was not aware of the fears that stayed with me until other things triggered them later," she added. "It took years before the sound of a gun shot didn't make my stomach go upside down." Even children playing cowboys and Indians, or shooting galleries at amusement parks would upset her to the point of tears.

But "time does wonderful things," Jeanette said. And referring back to that traumatic moment of separation, she concluded, "If I had had to go through it alone, I would be a different person today."

(For more on Entebbe, see today's Weekend Magazine.)

ISRAELI TELEVISION moved effortlessly and efficiently from the World Cup in distant Mexico to the Shin Bet affair, the new version of the traditional Israeli game of Crisis. In this competition Prime Minister Shimon Peres is clearly the star player, the Maradona, dribbling his way deftly through the ranks of the defenders: his Knesset speech was a gem of a goal. Deputy Minister Ronnie Milo is a Uruguayan centre-back, determined to bring Peres down by foul means or foul; aptly titled Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir launches his tackles from behind.

The pressure of playing in Crisis has clearly had an adverse effect on Shamir's pristine game style. Last week, when he became premier, after Menachem Begin resigned, I compared him to Byron's pirate, described by the poet as "the mildest manner'd man that ever scull'd ship or cut a throat." Nowadays Shamir is ranting and raving like a Barbary Coast buccaneer, a style that bodes ill for the ship of state when he takes over the helm in October.

Although I have written that Peres is like Maradona in this game, I am not sure that the comparison really applies. The great thing about Maradona is his ability to give better than he gets, he can be as rough and tough as any Uruguayan when the going gets fierce. Georgie Best was as brilliant a dribbler and as deadly a shot as Maradona is, but he was very easily rattled by unscrupulous, foul-tackling opponents. I fear that Peres may be more of a Best than a Maradona, that he will fall victim to Milo and his ilk.

Peres seems to be so obsessed with living down the unfair and unwarranted image of being untrustworthy and treacherous, which was planted on him some years ago, that he may be incapable of playing Uruguayan-style politics, when doing so is vital for victory in the Crisis game. I only hope that I have underestimated him, that he may prove to be capable of tripping Milo neatly by the ankle and administering a sharp elbow to Shamir's groin, when the referee is not looking.

Actually, there is no referee: that is the great difference between our

Fair play and foul in the Crisis Cup

TELEREVIEW/Philip Gillon

game and soccer. It seems to me that the man who was appointed to be referee has apparently decided that he wanted to take part in the action, and has tried to change the rules of the game.

I AM at a certain disadvantage when commenting on Crisis, because the game began when I was abroad, and some of it was played while I was concentrating on the World Cup. Thus I'm in the same position with regard to it as I am with regard to Kane and Abel: I have missed so many episodes that I irritate people watching at the same time as I am by asking, "Who's he? On which side is he playing? Is there an offside rule?"

During the Knesset debate, as reported on television, we heard Shulamit Aloni comparing the Shin Bet affair to the Dreyfus case. For me, her comparison triggered a wave of nostalgic memories. I do not know what makes Jews Zionists these days - from what we heard in the Zionist General Council and Jewish Agency debates many of our leaders are equally nonplussed - but, when the movement was young, one of its major catalysts was the Dreyfus trial and its influence on Theodor Herzl, until then an assimilationist.

Our youth movements were very fond of re-enacting the trial and its aftermath. With what passion we depicted the cunning anti-Semites plotting against the innocent Jewish officer! How thrilled we were as we showed the villains eventually brought to book by Emile Zola and Tiger Clemenceau! How wonderful we thought Paul Muni was in the role of Zola in the film! How we gloried in Anatole France's savage satire



Deputy Minister Ronnie Milo... "determined to bring Peres down." (Adam Teitelbaum)

about the penguins fabricating mountains of false documents and suborned evidence to cover up their crimes!

I have written before about somebody up there with a Voltairian sense of humour playing mordant jokes on me. Here he is doing it again - Shulamit is right, we are obviously in the early stages of a Dreyfus affair. There is another possible comparison - Watergate.

It is interesting to recall that public opinion in France was violently opposed to the liberal busybodies and do-gooders who supported Dreyfus's right to justice: everyone believed that it was ridiculous, even

treasonable, to seek truth and justice for one man, and a Jew at that, when the French army establishment was convinced that doing so was prejudicial to national security. Elections fought in France in 1898 and 1899, five years after Dreyfus was convicted, resulted in overwhelming victories for the forces of patriotism. It was only in 1906 that Dreyfus was cleared.

Much the same thing happened with regard to Watergate. Solid Republicans thought there was no need to make such a fuss about their leader's very natural desire to know what was going on in the councils of the Democrats; and the covering up of what had happened when his idiotic henchmen were caught, re-elected. Nixon was re-elected with an overwhelming majority long after the affair started.

I am sure that most Israelis cannot understand what all the fuss is about, and support President Herzog's efforts to stop the wheels of law from turning by granting prior pardons to the alleged wrongdoers. After all, when you get down to brass tacks, who cares about the murder of a couple of Arab terrorists after they were caught? It's all the fault of the media. Somebody should shoot that photographer who took the photo of the terrorists alive in captivity, and that foreign correspondent who published the photograph in defiance of the censor's laudable efforts to suppress the truth. Once the damage was done, it was only human nature for Nixon and his men to fake evidence and suborn witnesses so as to prevent any further harm being done to national security.

I am sure that Milo is right when he thinks that this is how the average Israeli thinks, and that public opinion is solidly on the side of giving the Shin Bet that secrecy which Shamir says it needs like a man needs oxygen.

Fortunately or unfortunately, public opinion, and even elections, seem to be incapable of preventing truth's nasty habit of emerging into the light once it is given a chance. As long as you keep truth securely locked up, you can bluff all the people all the time. But once you let it out, you

cannot shut it up again. It is exactly light of day. The momentum is there even when they are without the whole lot bursting out.

It is clear that somebody has committed the most unpardonable of all offences: he breached the 11th and most important of the commandments, "Thou shalt not be found out." I venture to prophesy that, whatever formula the political parties may evolve, the truth will see the light of day. The momentum is there, and you cannot lick momentum once it gets going.

Still, it may take a long time. I can see that Crisis may be with us even longer than Dallas. There is even a possibility that we may start getting one a.m. matches before long, so we had better lay in stocks of beer and junk food for the long nights of viewing that lie ahead.

WE WERE reminded on Second Look of another national pastime that we have abandoned - Beating the Inflation. The programme was devoted to the end of the first year of the economic reform, and it gave us an hour of smug watching, of which

we were badly in need, after Crisis on the news.

It was interesting that there was almost complete unanimity among people interviewed that the days of easy come, easy go were appalling, despite the fact that the standard of living was higher than it is now. People recalled how they ran around trying to preserve the value of their wages from the beginning of the month until the end - they tried investing in all kinds of things beginning with P, like Patam, or they experimented with foreign currencies, but they had to be running, running, running to stay in the same place, like Alice in Looking-Glass land.

Of course, there have been setbacks, particularly the rise in unemployment, with the development towns the hardest hit. Peres was very reassuring when he claimed that something is being done about it. Great credit is due to him and to Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar for persuading the public to voluntarily tighten their belts so as to change the rules of the game. But most of the credit must go to us, the

wage-earners, for being so wise, so perceptive, so self-sacrificing and so noble.

Many formidable problems remain, as everyone appearing on the programme warned us. But, if we go on being so wonderful, we'll lick 'em.

I AM still surprised how fascinated most people are by other people's money and the struggles that go on in executive suites, considering how remote from these things most of us are, and how boring finance is. It seems that capitalism red in tooth and claw is a theme that inspires adulation all over the place. Just as Kane and Abel comes to an end in the U.S., we turn to Canada, to empathize with another revolting plutocrat, Vanderburg. And numerous women I know are desolate because Jordan stopped Australia's Return to Eden in the middle of a power struggle. On their behalf, I appeal to the King for mercy.

If he is pitiless or lacks the power to intervene, perhaps Israel Television will come to the rescue. And will pick up Eden where Jordan left off?

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The true test of leadership

TORA TODAY / Pinhas H. Peli

THE MUTINY lead by Korah was crushed by the most brutal means. Heaven and earth intervened to affirm the leadership of Moses and Aaron that Korah and his hordes contested in the name of democracy and warped pietistic arguments (Numbers 16:1-35). "Fire went forth from the Lord" and consumed 250 leaders of the revolt; the rest of them were swallowed up when the earth "opened its mouth." In addition, 14,700 people died in the "purge" (ibid., 17:14). More would have died, were it not for Aaron who rushed to personally stop the plague.

Notwithstanding all this, the affair is not considered closed and done with. There is still to come one more tangible argument to prove Aaron's unassailable leadership. It is ordered by God himself: "Speak to the children of Israel and take from them... a rod from each chieftain of an ancestral house, twelve rods in all. Inscribe each man's name on his rod... Also inscribe Aaron's name on the rod of Levi. Deposit them in the tent of meeting... The rod of the man whom I choose shall sprout, and I will rid myself of the incessant murmuring of the Israelites against you" (ibid., 17:16-20).

What is suggested here in the word

of God, is that a revolution cannot be subdued by means of power only. No matter how strong and dreadful the punitive measures were, or how convincing were the miraculous blows which came down on the rebels - the "murmuring" did not cease. At this point, God did not, as some might expect, say: Who cares about their murmuring, as long as the situation is fully under control. He did indeed act to "rid" Himself of the "incessant murmuring" against his chosen leaders and suggested this last test.

The conclusive proof in deciding who is the rightful leader is not in who can rally more forces in the power struggle, or in resorting to violent punishment. T.N.T. ("Terror Neged" - against "Terror") breeds more terror and is meaningless. The true leader can be recognized by his achievements; by his ability to produce flowers and fruit, and cause a barren rod to sprout.

MOSES FOLLOWED the instructions. Each ancestral house deposited its rod with its name written on it.

"Among these was the rod of Aaron." And the very next day, it happened! "The rod of Aaron of the house of Levi had sprouted... it had brought forth sprouts, produced blossoms, and borne almonds." All in one day!

Surely the sight of almonds on the rod, blossoming in one day, would have been proof enough as to the outcome of this wondrous test. Why then does Tora relate, in detail, the various stages of the process of growth of the almond on the rod? It is perhaps, in order to stretch the lesson of the metaphor a bit further: to teach us that true leadership is not necessarily demonstrated by the ability to produce immediate results and come up with instant cures to all problems. Even the leader chosen by God himself, in a miraculous act, cannot skip the several stages in the growth of an almond. The orderly sequence must be followed. First sprouts, then blossoms, and only then the finished product.

Unfortunately, even that spectacular act, which God himself had

hoped would bring an end to the murmuring of the Israelites, did not altogether succeed.

"And Moses brought out all the rods that were deposited with him and showed them and the sprouted rod of Aaron to the chieftains." They must have been astounded at the sight. How did they react? Did they express their astonishment at the miracle? Or, their disappointment that their own rods did not produce anything? Did they voice their criticism or their reservations as to the validity of the test?

None of these, whatsoever. Tora (17:24) sums up their reaction in four terse words: *va'yiru va'yikhu ish matehu*. "They saw and each one took his rod." And then what? Not a word.

They did not say anything at all. But we can hear them saying: "Big deal", or "So what?" This kind of attitude is worse than the most vehement argument. No logical position, no miraculous performance is going to move the person who has his mind made up and refuses to be discomfited by the facts.

The Tora reading for this week is Korah (Numbers 16:11-18:32). Rabbi Peli is Blechner Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

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A FOOLPROOF method of admitting only authorized people into high-security facilities—or even your own home—has been developed, which can open doors with a blink of the eye.

Every person's retina (the tiny screen of tissue on which visual images are projected in the eye) has a unique pattern of blood vessels. A person stares for a second or two into the new computerized device, which scans the retina with a camera, taking 320 readings and producing a wave pattern that is converted into digital impulses.

These are relayed to a Motorola microprocessor. The digitized image is then compared with the image of the retina stored in the memory. If you are the person you claim to be, the door will open electronically within three seconds.

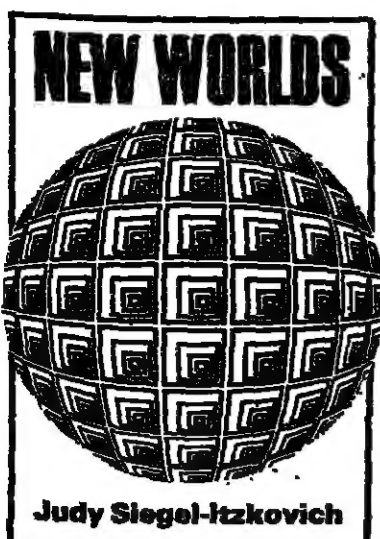
The system, described in the June issue of *Popular Science*, has many applications. Called EyeIdentify, it could be used for providing access to authorized persons to bank vaults or military installations. If it were cheap enough, it could be programmed to recognize the eyes of residents of an apartment or home for keyless access.

Biometrics is the name given to the field of measuring the unique characteristics associated with a living organism. Other possibilities include a device that identifies a thumbprint, which has been put into an electronic "reader" after one punch in a file number.

Texas Instruments is perfecting a device that identifies you with a voiceprint. A person wanting to be admitted speaks a number of randomly chosen words, which are compared by a computer with versions stored in its memory. If they match, open sesame.

Even one's palm will be enough to identify you. In the Palm-Guard PG 2000, a xenon flash lights up a small square of skin in the centre of your hand. The image is relayed to a camera, and processed and matched with an identification number typed into a keyboard. The lines on the palm are regarded as unique enough to confirm a match.

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were disappearing every week. Since the fingerprint reader was installed to control access, the thievery has stopped.

The main obstacle to the widespread use of biometrics is the price, which now runs about \$3,500 for a fingerprint reader to \$12,000 for a retinal scanner. But human guards are more fallible and, in the long run, more expensive.

COMPUTERS are getting small enough to tuck away in a briefcase. IBM has just released a new PC Convertible, weighing less than 5 kilos and with a liquid crystal display.

LCD portables are notoriously unreadable, but IBM uses a special, low-glare screen that enhances readability. Costing \$1,995, the battery-operated computer is thin enough for a James Bond briefcase.

YOU CAN learn to write a will, type, negotiate a contract, go on a diet and speak Spanish with a personal computer. Software has expanded to a tremendous number of subjects, with self-improvement and self-teaching the most popular.

A recent article in *Fortune* magazine says software programmes are excellent for improving mental and business skills, while videotape cassettes are best for teaching activities like sports or cooking.

A surprisingly popular software programme among business executives and managers is one that

teaches typing. As the personal computer becomes a fixture in more offices, executives who can't always find a secretary want to learn to type themselves. MasterType, selling for \$39.95 in the U.S., is like an arcade videogame in which you must hit the right keys to fend off attackers.

As for diets, the Original Boston Computer Diet (\$80) asks for a history of eating habits, plans menus, provides shopping lists and gives a daily readout of calorie intake. If you were "bad" that day, the computer reprimands you for overeating or for omitting certain foods from the diet. One man, an insurance broker, says he lost about 30 kilo in 20 weeks and hasn't gained back any in eight months.

A 39-year-old Israeli physicist has struck it rich by developing a software system that reduces bottlenecks in manufacturing systems and selling it to such corporate giants as General Electric and General Motors.

The computer software company, founded by Dr. Eliahu Goldratt, is called Creative Output, and the system is called Optimized Production Technology (OPT). It is designed to simulate a factory's work accurately enough to spot bottlenecks in advance, according to a recent article in *The Economist*.

Goldratt bases it on a simple-sounding idea—that a company can work only at the pace of its slowest production stage. Just like an army that is held up if only one marching soldier lags behind.

If there is a bottleneck somewhere in the production line, there is no point in one robot or machine tool working all out. The result, says Goldratt, would be a pile-up of inventory. This idea requires managers to accept the idea that it is better for workers to do nothing than to continue handling machines turning out excess inventory.

He invented the term "throughput," meaning the rate at which a production system generates money through sales. By raising throughput, America can more easily beat the Japanese at manufacturing. General Motors tried out his software at one of its companies and slashed inventory costs. As a result, Goldratt will earn some \$5 million from GM.

AS THE Soviet state and Communist Party sets out to fulfil the ambitious five-year-plan endorsed by the Supreme Soviet last week, a new assault has begun on the corruption that continues to plague national life.

One of the frankest admissions yet of the extent of the problem has been given by Vasily Oleinik, the senior official appointed to investigate crime in the Moscow trade network.

In an interview with the government daily *Izvestia*, Oleinik said that the recent trial, known as the "Sokolov case," of a leading Moscow food store chief was "only the tip of an iceberg" of bribery and corruption among trade and party chiefs.

It was a mistake by the Soviet media to speak of such things as isolated and un-typical, he said.

"When Sokolov was arrested in 1982, it seemed like a one-off sensation. But as the investigation continued, in defiance of 'sponsors' and people in high places, the picture turned out to be much more serious," Oleinik said.

"Since October 1983, we have completed more than 30 cases involving 100 people and are investigating about the same number at present. The thefts uncovered amounted to 3 million rubles (about \$4.4 million). An additional similar sum was confiscated from people who had taken bribes."

Those put on trial included the management of Moscow's biggest food stores: Novy-Arbatski, GUM, and the Universal Trade Association in the Perovskiy district. With them in the dock was a group of managers from the Chief Moscow Trade Directorate.

"Altogether," said Oleinik, "officials received over 1 million rubles worth of bribes from their subordinates, and paid three-quarters of this sum in bribes themselves. The shop assistants were cheating customers over the counter, and then paying tribute to the management, who



A Moscow food store. But the goods are not for all.

(AP)

Corruption—plague of life in Russia

Andrew Wilson/Moscow

were, in turn, sharing the spoils with their own sponsors and controllers."

When the criminal investigation started, inspectors went round the stores making test purchases. In one day, out of 193 such purchases, 156 were found to have involved cheat-

ing by the sales staff—"and this in some of the most respected shops in the city."

Oleinik said that the shop assistants had overcharged, tampered with the scales, and sold poor-

quality products at the price of first-class ones. They had not been detected because the controllers supposed to watch over them were also corrupt.

Shop managers with no previous experience were often appointed because they knew the right people. For example, V. Tulchinsky was appointed manager of Shop Number 6 in the Sovetskii District. Like others, he "had served his sponsors loyally."

Oleinik cited the case of the former director of the state fruit and vegetable warehouse in the city's Dzerzhinskii district, a man who is now in prison. For 10 years, this fellow had kept a special ledger in which four times a year, on national holidays, he had entered the gift of free hampers of delicacies to local Party and Trade Ministry officials.

"The values of the gifts were stated exactly... the dates were 7 November (anniversary of the revolution), 1 January, 1 May and 9 May (World War Two Victory Day)—and not one gift was ever returned," Oleinik said.

Similar "gifts" were made by the trade officials to their superiors, not so much as payments for a specific service, but rather as a regular tribute, a kind of advance.

The donors always got their returns: pressure was brought from above to stop any investigation. The investigators had received threats by mail and by telephone and had "had to appeal to high party sources in order to secure the removal of obstacles to their own work."

The most significant passage in the whole interview is the chief special investigator's conclusion. "Little has changed within the trade-system itself," he told *Izvestia*. "If this vicious system of protection is not replaced by business-like responsibility on the part of trade collectives, then everything will be back where we started."

(London Observer Service)

Foreign creditors praise belt-tightening, but not the unions. Kevin Noblet reports.

Economic discontent grows in Argentina

A YEAR after the government's acclaimed Austral Plan halted runaway inflation, most long-suffering Argentines continue to seek evidence that their personal economic lot has improved.

"The disaster, the explosion, was prevented," architect Guillermo de Franceschi, 48, said. "But what hasn't been seen is an economic reactivation."

"The people are asking, 'Now what's going to happen?'" said de Franceschi, who ekes out a living remodelling small shops and free-

lance writing for a construction magazine. Years of economic stagnation have forced many of his colleagues to give up their careers and become taxi drivers or newsstand operators.

Public impatience is reflected in a new opinion poll which shows citizen support for the economic plan declining from a whopping 74 per cent shortly after it was launched on June 14, 1985, to 52 per cent.

The survey, made public Wednesday by the respected independent polling firm Socomerc, also showed support for President Raul Alfonsín declining from 74 per cent to 64 per cent over the same period.

A MORE dramatic sign of discontent is evident in the growing restiveness of the country's powerful labour unions, which staged a nationwide general strike last Friday, one day before the Austral Plan's first anniversary, to protest what they claim is the working class's growing burden.

It was the sixth general strike since Alfonsín took office in December 1983 and the fourth since the Austral Plan's inception.

The plan was named after a new national currency, the austral, which was introduced to replace the inflation-riddled peso. Called a "shock programme" to beat inflation, it temporarily froze all wages

and most prices, cut government spending, raised taxes and public fees and pledged that the government never again would print money just to pay off creditors.

Inflation plunged quickly and dramatically, from more than 30 per cent monthly in June to 2 per cent three months later—the lowest in more than a decade. In the year before the plan took effect, inflation was a disastrous 1,128 per cent. It has dropped to about 44 per cent in the 11 months since.

The results drew high praise from foreign creditors, owed a total of \$50 billion, from several foreign governments and from economists worldwide. It was dubbed "the Argentine miracle" by U.S. economist Franco Modigliani, winner of the 1985 Nobel Prize.

Other South American countries, notably Brazil, used the plan as a model for their own anti-inflation reforms.

Nonetheless, labour unions controlled by the opposition Peronist Party blasted the programme, contending it has spawned a fierce recession, pared the purchasing power of workers' paycheques and put thousands out of work.

The Economy Ministry's statistics office reports rising joblessness, with 5.9 per cent of the work force unemployed and another 6.5 per cent making less than a living wage—the

highest levels ever in a country with historically low unemployment and no government compensation for the jobless.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS claim the recession was under way well before the Austral Plan went into effect and that, with inflation now under control, a light can be seen at the end of the tunnel.

At a press conference last week, Alfonsín said the country's new economic stability has created a suitable climate for desperately needed capital investment, both foreign and domestic.

During the early 1980s, an estimated \$20b. of capital was transferred out of the country because of economic chaos. Officials say some of it, along with new investment, has begun trickling back in.

Alfonsín urged Argentines to be patient and avoid angry rhetoric. He blasted the labour unions and Peronists for engaging in "infantilism" by calling strikes when the country needs to show the world that it can be productive.

"We need investment to sustain the growth of economic activity," he said. "What are they saying abroad? They are watching us from afar. I believe there is no other country in the world that conducts these types of strikes... it is absolutely negative."

(Associated Press)



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MARKET PLACE

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Funds fare well

Yesterday's Marketplace noted the generally positive results in the share market in the first half of 1986, despite its very poor June performance. A major beneficiary of the happy atmosphere in the share market, and indeed of the renewed interest in the bond market, is the mutual fund sector.

Overall, the assets managed by the mutual funds grew by 37 per cent to reach NIS 2.38 billion at the end of June. Out of the 120 funds that were active throughout the period, 103 achieved real returns on their money, based on the assumption that June's Consumer Price Index comes out to 1.5 per cent and makes inflation for the half-year 8.5 per cent.

Let's take the structure of the sector first. The following figures were provided by Bank Hapoalim, whose interest in them will presently become clear. But they may be taken as reliable just the same.

The market share of the three major bank groups in the mutual fund industry - meaning the percentage of the total assets in funds under their own or subsidiaries' control - remained constant at around 87 per cent. But within this group, significant changes took place. Bank Leumi remains dominant through its PIA group of funds, but its share fell from 48.2 per cent at the end of 1985 to 44.9 per cent at the end of June. Discount also slipped back, from 16.2 per cent to 14.9 per cent. That left Hapoalim the big winner. Its market share shot ahead from 22.4 per cent to 26.8 per cent, thereby justifying the tremendous effort the bank has spent pushing, advertising and aggressively dominating trading in the market for the last several months.

The shares of Mizrahi's and the private brokers' funds also fell, while First International's stable improved its share from 3.1 per cent to 4.1 per cent, almost on a par with Mizrahi. So much then for size and performance of fund groups. What about the investment performance of individual funds?

Mettav consultancy company's review of the half-year makes it quite clear that group size had no relation to success.

Most of the funds that failed to beat the index did so because they are committed to foreign-currency investments. But of the top 10 performers, the following points may be noted:

- All of them invested either primarily in shares or had a flexible policy allowing them to concentrate on the share market.
- Eight out of 10 were managed by private brokers, with Hapoalim and Mizrahi in ninth and 10th places.
- Four out of these eight were from the Betanah group, making that brokerage firm the definite winner in terms of performance. Unistrust managed two in the first five.

However, by the same token, the bottom 10 performers were also top-heavy with private brokers' funds. Seven out of 10 were private, with an extraordinary four out of the worst five belonging to the Mirit-Silberman group managed by Ronit Silberman, and the worst and sixth-worst-performing by Reamit - the Rieger Fishman outfit. Israel General Bank, First International, Discount and Mizrahi also managed to get a representative each into the wooden spoon list.

Overall, Mettav's index of mutual funds rose 12.1 per cent and the sub-index of share-oriented funds climbed 23.5 per cent. Interestingly, the funds that specialize in foreign-currency still managed an average 9 per cent, presumably on the basis of the small part of their portfolios that are free for share investments.

Harish clashes with aide on Recanati

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post

Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno cannot legally fire or suspend Bank Discount Chairman Raphael Recanati, despite recommendations published in the April 20, 1986 Bejski Commission report, Attorney-General Yosef Harish wrote in an opinion sent to Bruno earlier this week.

Bruno solicited Harish's opinion before proceeding with his plans to implement the Bejski Commission's call for Recanati's dismissal.

According to Harish, not all stipulations of the Banking Law directly pertained to Recanati and, as such, Bruno could not "in accordance with the spirit and guidelines set forth by law" seek Recanati's suspension.

Harish's opinion clashed with that of his senior adviser, Ayala Procaccia, who had studied the Bejski report and Bank of Israel documents at length before concluding that Bruno was authorized under Bank Law, Section 8D, Paragraph (c) to suspend Recanati from his post and appoint a temporary administrator for Discount for a term of three months.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hongkong to get commercial attache

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. - Israel plans to appoint a commercial attache in Hongkong in the near future, as part of a programme to increase Israeli exports to Asia, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon told the Israel-Asia Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Sharon said the Asian market has enormous potential and that the ministry together with the chamber had formed a plan dubbed "heading east" to increase exports to Asia from the current \$500 million-level to \$2 billion in five years time. The programme will include fairs in various Asian countries and the exchange of commercial delegations.

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	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day	Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	7.3	7-16.5%	8-17%	8-18%
HAPOLIM	24.6	8-16.5%	8-16.5%	8-16.5%
DISCOUNT	24.6	6-15%	7-15.5%	6-15.5%
MIZRAHI	8.5	6-15%	6-15%	6-15%
FIRST INT'L	26.0	6-16%	7-16.7%	6-16.7%

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USD	6.125	6.125	6.250
STG	8.875	8.750	8.750
DMK	4.000	4.000	4.125
SFR	4.500	4.375	4.250
YEN	3.000	3.000	3.000

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	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	Rep. Rates
U.S.A. Dollar	1.4897	1.47	1.4968
U.K. Sterling	2.3016	2.27	2.3126
Deutsche Mark	0.6862	0.68	0.6891
French Franc	0.2147	0.21	0.2158
Dutch Florin	0.6088	0.62	0.6119
Swiss Franc	0.8445	0.83	0.8479
Swedish Krone	0.2109	0.21	0.2118
Norwegian Krone	0.2064	0.20	0.2011
Danish Krone	0.1348	0.13	0.1356
Finnish Mark	0.2941	0.29	0.2955
Canada Dollar	1.0811	1.07	1.0860
Austrian Dollar	0.9489	0.90	0.9555
S. Africa Rand	0.5529	0.55	0.5563
Belgian Franc	0.3322	0.33	0.3368
Austrian Sch.	0.9759	0.96	1.01
Italian Lira	0.9991	0.98	1.04
Japanese Yen	0.9224	0.91	0.9251
Jordanian Dinar	—	—	4.18
Egyptian Pound	—	—	0.78
ECU	1.4718	1.4902	1.4782

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Indices:	Turnovers:	Share Movements:	Bond Market Trends:
General Share Index	115.84 +0.42%	Shares - total	4,25% fully-linked
Non-Bank Index	133.45 +0.58%	Arrangement	80% linked
Arrangement	108.11 +0.11%	Non-bank	Rises to 0.5%
Insurance	151.67 +1.21%	Bonds - total	Stable
Commerce, Services	157.47 -0.18%	Index-linked	Stable/rises to 0.5%
Real Estate	163.00 +0.91%	Dollar-linked	Rises to 0.5%
Industries	122.14 +1.30%	Admon	Minor movements
Textiles	146.58 +1.63%	Gilboa	Mixed to 1%
Metals	117.93 +1.31%	Treasury Bills	Mixed to 1%
Electronics	85.06 +1.29%	For Curr. denominated	1.38-1.54%
Chemicals	124.44 +1.00%	Advances of which 5%+	
Industrial Invest.	116.02 +1.57%	"buyers only"	
Investment Cos.	133.66 +0.61%	Declines	
General Bond Index	110.41 +0.16%	of which 5%+	
Index-linked Bonds	111.00 +0.17%	"sellers only"	
Fully-linked	112.42 +0.16%	Unchanged	
Partially-linked	110.10 +0.20%	Trading Halt	
Dollar-linked Bonds	100.27 -0.15%	111 (110)	
Short-term 0-2 yrs	108.63 +0.15%	55 (58)	
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	109.48 +0.16%	Bond Market Trends:	
Long-term 5+ yrs	107.49 +0.18%	Index-linked	
		3% fully-linked	Stable/rises to 1%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maridim 1	1035	3085	+2.7
General non-arr.	25400	103	—
First Int'l	3570	1146	+2.0
PIBI	3950	1981	—
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB	82300	487	-0.1
Union 0.1	61200	213	—
Discount	104000	120	-0.3
Mizrahi	33750	562	—
Hapoalim r	56100	412	+0.5
General A.	143500	5	-0.4
Leumi 0.1	35548	841	—
Fin. Trade	48800	—	—
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi Mort. r	4450	—	—
Dev. Mort.	1385	386	+3.0
Mishkan r	2300	131	+2.2
Tefahot r	11950	9	+2.2
Morav r	4570	49	+2.2
Financial Institutions			
Agri. C	no trading	—	—
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading	—	—
Cla. Leasing 0.1	10800	55	-0.5
Insurance			
Avat 0.1 r	901	1096	+1.9
Hassneh r	490	892	+2.1
Phoenix 0.1	724	785	—
Hemshatim	6650	14	—
Menzah 1	7735	27	+5.5
Sahar r	4080	—	—
Zion Hold. 1	18000	2	-0.8
Trade & Services			
Mair Ezra	4675	2	—
Supercol 2	4800	249	+1.3
Dolek r	2850	154	—
Lighterage	no trading	—	—
Cold Storage	no trading	—	—
Dan Hotels	3719	123	-7.0
Yarden Hotel	3000	120	-7.7
Hilon 1	12155	s.o.1	+5.0
Team 1	1730	319	—
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azoric	625	5479	+1.6
Elion	459	12329	-0.4
Agri. Ind. 0.1	32700	157	+2.8
Danmar	3634	88	+2.0
Prop. & Bldg.	2620	988	+2.1
Bayasid 0.1	3975	20	+5.0
ILDC r	47700	97	+1.5
Rassco r	7077	s.o.1	-5.0
Mehadrin	5885	220	+3.3
Hadarim	1100	742	+2.1
Industrials			
Dubek b	3380	411	+3.0
Ph-Ze 1	2586	345	—
Sunroof	7880	—	—
Elito	12200	75	+1.8
Adgar	865	532	+3.0
Argaman r	11202	68	+0.9
Ordon 0.1 r	4215	317	-0.8
Margueta 1	10380	10	+4.5
Eagle 1	11950	30	+1.8
Polgat 0.5	3042	1233	+3.0
Schoellerma	11944	41	—
Rogovin	3635	625	—
Ordon 0.1 r	1185	2296	+1.0
Is. Can Co. 1	1185	2296	+1.0
Zion Cablas	2211	391	—
Packer Steel	5470	73	+0.6
Elbit	400000	7	—
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3650	688	—
Elion	2820	409	+0.6
AFK 1	no trading	—	—
Galeel	1370	74	+1.5
Israel Corp. 1	no trading	—	—
Wolfson 1 r	105000	2	-1.9
Hapoalim inv.	5200	669	-0.3
Leumi invest.	no trading	—	—
Discount invest.	2232	1529	—
Mizrahi invest.	15845	9	—
Hadera Paper	735	363	+1.4
Landeco 0.1	8345	—	-1.9
Pama 0.1	9550	32	—
Oil Exploration			
Pea Oil Expl.	12400	85	—
J.O.E.L.	1500	1700	+4.9

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profitability. Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon told Scitex executives at a meeting Wednesday.

Scitex, one of the country's top 10 exporters, lost \$13 million in 1985 and does not expect to return to profitability until late this year.

SANCTIONS BEGAN Wednesday by the operators of 368 privately operated post offices throughout the country, in a bid to force the Communications Ministry to boost the commissions paid them for the sale of stamps and other goods.

The ministry termed the work action unjustified, saying an agreement on the matter, worked out between the operators and the ministry, was awaiting approval by the Treasury.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN Ed Zschau said Israel should move into the second phase of its economic recovery programme by renewing growth, now that it has succeeded in taming inflation.

Speaking to the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, the California Republican said he supported President Reagan's fight against American business leaders' call for protection against imports.

Arrangement yields:	IDB ord.	Union 0.1	Discount A	Mizrahi r	Hapoalim r	General A	Leumi stock	Fin. Trade 1
	12.55%	12.57%	12.64%	12.72%	12.83%	12.34%	12.82%	10.88%

U.S., EC yet to resolve farm dispute

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - The temporary farm trade accord between the U.S. and the European Community buys time for negotiators to reach a more comprehensive pact, but it does not resolve years of differences over agriculture.

Under the accord announced last Wednesday, the 12-member EC agreed to import 234,000 metric tons of U.S. corn and sorghum a month over six months to compensate for lost American grain sales since Spain joined the community, January 1.

In return, Washington said it would hold off on retaliating against European products such as wine, cheese and meat, so negotiators could try to reach a more permanent solution by the end of the year. The retaliatory moves had been scheduled to take

effect Wednesday.

Some U.S. agricultural experts saw the interim accord with the community as setting a precedent for future negotiations. "This [the accord] is the first hole we have ever had in the EC [agricultural] system," said John Baize, a vice president of the American Soybean Association. But most U.S. officials were sceptical that another six months of negotiations could resolve a basic difference of opinion on agriculture which has persisted for years.

"They do not intend to give us permanent access [for agricultural products]," U.S. Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said, adding that the Reagan administration planned to press its demand for a permanent solution.

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